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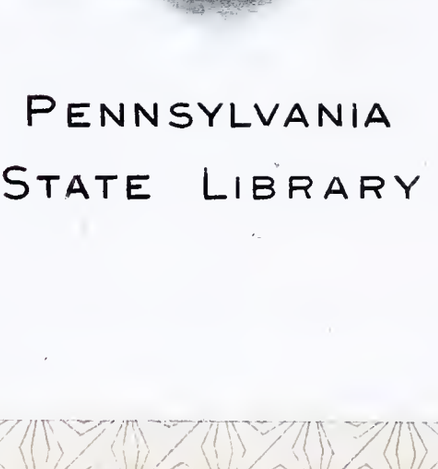

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

Sovereign Grand Lodge

OF THE

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,

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HELD IN THE

CITY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

September 17th, 1888;

WITH AN

APPENDIX,

CONTAINING A SKETCH OF THE WELCOME TO THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE BY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA; THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES; THE GRAND MASTER AND THE BRETHREN OF CALIFORNIA, AND THE SPLENDID DEMONSTRATION ON TUESDAY, THE 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, ETC.

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OF THE

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HELD IN THE

CITY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

Commencing September 17th, 1888.

MONDAY, September 17th, 1888—9 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the regular Annual Communication.

The Chair announced the appointment of JOHN H. ALBIN, P. G. Rep., of New Hampshire, Grand Marshal *pro tem.*

Upon the call of the roll the following members were found to be present:

OFFICERS.

JOHN H. WHITE	Grand Sire.
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD	Deputy Grand Sire.
THEO. A. ROSS	Grand Secretary.
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD	Grand Treasurer.
ALLEN JENCKES	Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE	Grand Chaplain.
JOHN H. ALBIN	Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
WALTER G. DYE	Grand Guardian.
W. H. FRAZIER	Grand Messenger.

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And a representation from forty-three Grand Lodges and thirty-one Grand Encampments, as follows:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

Oliver J. Semmes, P. G. Rep.	Alabama.
W. L. Whepley, P. G. M.	Arizona.
E. B. Moore, P. G M.	Arkansas.
Wesley Minta, P. G.	California.
Frank A. Tuttle, P. G. M.	Colorado.
William H. Comley, P. G. M	Connecticut.
Harvey J. Rice, P. G. M.	Dakota.
Hiram Reedy, P. G.	Delaware.
J. Thomas Petty, P. G. M.	District of Columbia.
Charles H. Dorsett, P. G. P.	Georgia.
James R. Miller, P G. M.	Illinois.
J. B. Kenner, P. G. M.	Indiana.
James K. Powers, P. G. M.	Iowa.
J. S. Codding, P. G. M.	Kansas.
Freeman T. Merrill, P. G. M.	Maine.
John P. Young, P. G. M.	Manitoba.
William H. Ruby, P. G. M	Maryland.
William M. Hill, P. G M	Massachusetts.
Oscar A. Janes, P. G. M	Michigan.
Isaac F. Clark, P. G. M.	Minnesota.
Isaac T. Hart, P. G. M.	Mississippi.
D. A. Smith, P. G. M.	Missouri.
Arthur Gibson, P. G. M.	Nebraska.
C. E. Mack, P G	Nevada.
Charles A. Jewell, P. G. M.	New Hampshire.
William H. Iszard, P. G. M.	New Jersey.
A. J. Kent, P. G. and P. C. P.	New Mexico.
John W Stebbins, P. G. M	New York.
Cornelius B. Edwards, P. G. M.	North Carolina.
E. K. Wilcox, P. G. M	Ohio.
Cl. T. Campbell, P. G M.	Ontario.
W. C. Tweedale, P. G. M.	Oregon.
Francis M. Rea, P. G. M	Pennsylvania.
James Kines, P. G. M.	Quebec.
Gilbert F. Robbins, P. G. M.	Rhode Island.
F. De Mars, P. G. M	South Carolina.
James H. Crichlow, P. G. M.	Tennessee.
W. K. Makemson, P. G. M.	Texas.
William W. Henry, P. G. M	Vermont.
James B. Blanks, P. G. Rep.	Virginia.
A. H. Tucker, P. G. M.	Washington.
William Ellingham, P. G. M.	West Virginia.
John G. Clark, P. G. M.	Wisconsin.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

Charles H. Randall, P. G. M.	California.
Charles D. Cobb, P. G. Rep.	Colorado.
Edwin Hirst, P. G. Rep.	Delaware.
Oliver Dufour, P. G. Rep.	District of Columbia.
Thomas C. Watson, P. G. W.	Florida.
C. A. Robbe, P. G. M.	Georgia.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS—Continued.

WALTER E. CARLIN, P. G. P.....Illinois.
C B. COOPER P. G. P.....Indiana.
HERMAN BLOCK, P. G. M.....Iowa.
S. H. KELSEY, P. G. Rep.....Kansas.
WILLIAM W. MORRIS, P. G. M.....Kentucky.
JOSEPH VOEGTLE, P. G. Rep.....Louisiana.
ALBERT F. RICHARDSON, P. G. P.....Maine.
RICHARD DEAN, P. G. P.....Maryland.
RUFUS B. GIFFORD, P. G. P.....Massachusetts.
GEORGE GREENFIELD, P. G. P.....Michigan.
JACOB NEWSALT, P. G. M.....Minnesota.
W. J. BRADSHAW, P. G. P.....Mississippi.
JAMES A. PRICE, P. G. P.....Missouri.
HIRAM HILL, P. G. P.....New Hampshire.
LEWIS PARKER, P. G. Rep.....New Jersey.
JOHN G. DEUBERT, P. G. P.....New York.
J. B. SHERIDAN, P. G. P.....Ohio.
JOSEPH OLIVER, P. G. P.....Ontario.
PHIL. METSCHAN, P. G. M.....Oregon.
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, P. G. P.....Pennsylvania.
LESTER S. HILL, P. G. P.....Rhode Island.
W. A. BARRY, P. G. Rep.....Tennessee.
D. P. CELLEY, P. G P.....Vermont.
A. L. HILL, P. G. P.....Virginia.
CHARLES KENDALL, P. G. P.....Wisconsin.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.
E. D. FARNSWORTH.....California.

The Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Marshal, by order, examined the Representatives, and declared them duly qualified.

The Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, of Kentucky, addressed the Throne of Grace, as follows:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, Maker of the world, and all that therein is: We desire to offer thanks and praise for Thy protecting care during the journey from our distant homes. We have been permitted once more to meet in annual council in the interests of our great and benevolent Order. From North and South, from East and West, we are assembled here to-day as members of one family, recognizing the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. But while we are deeply grateful for this privilege, our hearts are filled with sorrow at the absence of the dear and valued Brethren who met with us one year ago, and whose eloquent lips are now closed in death. May we always hold them in loving remembrance, and profit by the good examples they afforded, while laboring with us in the cause of benevolence and charity. Let Thy spirit rest upon the officers and members of this Grand Body, and direct and govern us in our important work. Bless our beloved Order throughout the world, and increase its power and influence among all conditions of men. Regard with compassion the widows and orphans, and the multitude of sorrowing ones who appeal for sympathy and help. Give wisdom and integrity to our civil authorities. May they rule in Thy fear, and seek Thy glory.

Endue them and the people under them with that righteousness which exalteth a nation, and save them from those sins which are a reproach to any people. The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be merciful unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. Amen.

The Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the Grand Sire, declared the Grand Lodge open for business.

The Chair announced the following:

Committee on Credentials—Reps. RUBY, of Maryland; SMITH, of Missouri; TUCKER, of Washington; YOUNG, of Manitoba; FORNEY, of Idaho.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of the Representatives received from the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, which were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. RUBY, of Maryland, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was considered:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they have examined the credentials of the following-named Representatives from Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, and find the same correct:

FROM GRAND LODGES

WILLIAM H. MCINTOSH, P. G. M.....Alabama.
H. S COLEMAN, P. G. M.....Arkansas.
WILLIAM MCCOLL, P. G. M.....British Columbia.
JAMES G MAGUIRE, P. G. (for one year, to fill vacancy)....California.
ALBERT E. GIPSON, P. G. M.....Colorado.
BRADLEY S. KEITH, P. G. M.....Connecticut.
ABBOTT G. SMITH, P. G. M.....Dakota.
ALEXANDER GUTHRIE, P. G. .....Delaware.
MARK D. BRAINARD, P. G. Rep.....District of Columbia.
N. C. PETTIT, P. G. Marshal.....Florida.
JOHN B. GOODWIN, P. G. M.....Georgia.
J. H. FORNEY, P. G. M. and P. G. Rep.....Idaho.
ALFRED ORENDORFF, P. G. M.....Illinois.
A. N. GRANT, P. G. M .....Indiana.
GEORGE WHIPPLE, P. G. M .....Iowa.
D. B. LONG, P. G. M.....Kansas.
J. FRANK GRANT, P. G. M. (for one year, *vice* W. REINECKE, resigned).....Kentucky.
JOHN P. PHISTER, P. G M.....Kentucky.
LEWIS GRAHAM, P. G. M.....Louisiana.
R. RADFORD BARNES, P. G. M. and P. G. Rep. (for one year, *vice* ANDRE CUSHING, resigned).....Lower Provinces.
ROBERT HOCKIN, P. G. M. and P. G. Rep.....Lower Provinces.
GEORGE W. GOSS, P. G. M.....Maine.
CHARLES D. ANDERSON, P. G. M. and P. G. Rep.....Manitoba.
JOHN M. JONES, P. G. Rep.....Maryland.

FROM GRAND LODGES—Continued.

ROBERT W. TABER, P. G. M.....Massachusetts.
SILAS S. FALLASS, P. G. M.....Michigan.
J. C. COCKBURN, P. G. M.....Minnesota.
ANDREW REDHEFFER, P. G. M.....Missouri.
HENRY MCMURPHEY, P. G. M. (for one year, to fill vacancy)..Montana.
JACOB LOEB, P. G. M.....Montana.
J. T. HEDRICK, P. G Rep. (for one year, to fill vacancy)...Nebraska.
BENJAMIN CURLER, P. G.....Nevada.
JOHN A. GLIDDEN, P. G. M.....New Hampshire.
AUGUST GRASSMANN, P. G. M.....New Jersey.
GEORGE W. DILKS, P. G. M.....New York.
WILLIAM A. BOBBITT, P. G. M.....North Carolina.
HENRY C. HEDGES, P. G. M.....Ohio
HENRY ROBERTSON, P. G. M.....Ontario.
R. ALEXANDER, P. G. M.....Oregon
ROBERT E. WRIGHT, P. G. M.....Pennsylvania.
WILLIAM R. DUTEMPLE, P. G. M.....Rhode Island.
JAMES G. AYDELOTT, P. G. M.....Tennessee.
C. R. GIBSON, P. G. M.....Texas.
ENOS D. HOGE, P. G. M.....Utah.
WILLIAM D. WILSON, P. G. M.....Vermont.
D. A. BUCHER, P. G. M.....Virginia.
WILLIAM R. DUNBAR, P. G. M. and P. G. Rep.....Washington.
A. F. LANG, P. G. M.....West Virginia.
GEORGE B. KIDDER, P. G. M.....Wisconsin.
W. L. KUYKENDALL, P. G. M.....Wyoming.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

H. C. WEAVER, P. G. M. (for one year, *vice* W. A. SHIELDS, deceased).....Alabama.
J. B. FRIEDHEIM, P. G. Rep.....Arkansas.
JAMES F. CROSETT, P. G. P.....California.
STEPHEN TERRY, P. G. M. (for one year, *vice* R. E. PADDOCK, resigned).....Connecticut.
ISAAC H. COE, P. G. P.....Connecticut.
T. A. ROBINSON, P. G. P. (for one year, *vice* S. E. BLAUVELT, resigned).....Dakota.
CHARLES F. PRICKETT, P. G. P.....Illinois.
ANDREW S. MILICE, G. P.....Indiana.
WILLIAM T. HOLMES, P. G. M.....Iowa.
E. S. BERTRAM, P. G. P. and P. G. M.....Kansas.
T. J. ATKINS, P. G. P.....Kentucky.
LEONARD P. WOODBURY P. G. P.....Maine.
GEORGE W. LEE, P. G. P.....Maryland.
FRANCIS E. MERRIMAN, P. G. P.....Massachusetts.
JOHN B. ALWARD, P. G. P.....Michigan.
ROBERT STRATTON, P. G. P.....Minnesota.
J. F. GMELICH, P. G. P.....Missouri.
F. B BRYANT, P. G. P. (for one year, *vice* ED. G. RYLEY, resigned).....Nebraska.
F. M. HEITMAN, P. G. Rep. (for one year, to fill vacancy)..Nevada.
TRUMAN SMITH, P. G. P.....New Hampshire.
J. BARTON SMITH, P. G. P. (for one year, to fill vacancy)..New Jersey.
JACOB DILCHER, P. G. P.....New York.
C. M. BUSBEE, P. G. M.....North Carolina.
LEWIS C. PARKER, P. G. P.....Ohio.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS—Continued.

FRANCIS RAE, P. G. P .....Ontario.
ALFRED SLACK, P. G. M.....Pennsylvania.
GEORGE W. BROWN, P. G. P.....Rhode Island.
FRED. CARLETON, P. G. Rep.....Texas.
LE F. A. SHAW, P. G. Rep. (for two years, to fill vacancy)..Washington.
HENRY SEAMON, P. C. P. (for one year, to fill vacancy)...West Virginia.
J. H. WOODNORTH, P. G P.....Wisconsin.
LEOPOLD KABIS, P. G. M.....Wyoming.

Your committee would further report that the credentials of WILLDEN PINKHAM, P. G. P., of Montana, appear in regular form under the seal of the Grand Encampment, and signatures of the officers of the Grand Encampment, and with the accompanying appeal from Bro. GEORGE PASCOE, P. G., to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which we respectfully submit for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. RUBY, J. P. YOUNG, J. H. FORNEY,
D. A. SMITH, A. H. TUCKER.

The question being on the report,

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved that the portion relating to the credentials of Bro. WILLDEN PINKHAM, of Montana, be recommitted and the remainder of the report adopted, which was agreed to.

The Chair announced the following:

Committee on Drawing for Seats.—Reps. LOEB, of Montana; WILSON, of Vermont; STRATTON, of Minnesota.

Rep. LOEB, of Montana, from the Committee on Drawing for Seats, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee to whom was referred the allotment of seats, respectfully report the following as the result of the drawing:

Alabama.....66, 67, 68
Arizona.....86
Arkansas.....90, 91, 92
British Columbia.....31
California.....137, 138, 139, 140
Colorado.....141, 142, 143
Connecticut.....50, 51, 52, 53
Dakota.....109, 110, 111
Delaware.....1, 2, 3
Denmark.....161
District of Columbia.....112, 113, 114
Florida.....115, 116
Georgia.....125, 126, 127
Idaho.....62, 63
Illinois.....44, 45, 46, 47
Indiana.....36, 37, 38, 39
Iowa.....13, 14, 15, 16
Kansas.....105, 106, 107, 108
Kentucky.....97, 98, 99, 100
Louisiana.....128, 129
Lower Provinces.....69, 70
Maine.....58, 59, 60, 61
Manitoba.....77, 78
Maryland.....130, 131, 132, 133
Massachusetts.....5, 6, 7, 8
Michigan.....147, 148, 149, 150
Minnesota.....73, 74, 75, 76
Mississippi.....64, 65
Missouri.....82, 83, 84, 85
Montana.....117, 118, 119
Nebraska.....144, 145, 146
Nevada.....134, 135, 136

New Hampshire.....93, 94, 95, 96
New Jersey.....23, 24, 25, 26
New Mexico..... 4
New York.....32, 33, 34, 35
North Carolina.....157, 158, 159
Ohio.....40, 41, 42, 43
Ontario.....121, 122, 123, 124
Oregon.....79, 80, 81
Pennsylvania.....101, 102, 103, 104
Quebec.....9
Rhode Island.....54, 55, 56, 57
South Carolina.....120
Switzerland.....160
Tennessee.....10, 11, 12
Texas.....154, 155, 156
Utah.....48, 49
Vermont.....87, 88, 89
Virginia.....20, 21, 22
Washington.....17, 18, 19
West Virginia.....151, 152, 153
Wisconsin.....27, 28, 29, 30
Wyoming.....71, 72

Respectfully submitted,
JACOB LOEB, W. D. WILSON, ROBERT STRATTON.

The Chair announced the Standing Committees, as follows:

On the State of the Order.—Reps. BUSBEE, of North Carolina; CLARK, of Wisconsin; ROBBE, of Georgia; WILCOX, of Ohio; KELSEY, of Kansas; IZARD, of New Jersey; ROBBINS, of Rhode Island; COBB, of Colorado; JONES, of Maryland.

On the Judiciary.—Reps. ORENDORFF, of Illinois; SEMMES, of Alabama; GIBSON, of Texas; PARKER, of New Jersey; FRIEDHEIM, of Arkansas; TERRY, of Connecticut; GIPSON, of Colorado; FALLASS, of Michigan; ROBERTSON, of Ontario.

On Legislation.—Reps. HEDGES, of Ohio; CARLETON, of Texas; CAMPBELL, of Ontario; MILLER, of Illinois; ATKINS, of Kentucky; GRAHAM, of Louisiana; MOORE, of Arkansas; HOGE, of Utah; ELLINGHAM, of West Virginia.

On Finance—Reps. RANDALL, of California; DILKS, of New York; BLANKS, of Virginia; MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania; CARLIN, of Illinois; MAKEMSON, of Texas; DUNBAR, of Washington; HILL, of Rhode Island; GOSS, of Maine.

On Constitutions.—Reps. OLIVER, of Ontario; SHERIDAN, of Ohio; WHIPPLE, of Iowa; HENRY, of Vermont; BRADSHAW, of Mississippi; DEUBERT, of New York; LEE, of Maryland; EDWARDS, of North Carolina; SHAW, of Washington.

On Foreign Relations.—Reps. BLOCK of Iowa; PETTY, of the District of Columbia; BARRY, of Tennessee; DE MARS, of South Carolina; RAE, of Ontario; NEWSALT, of Minnesota; PHISTER, of Kentucky; WHEPLEY, of Arizona; BARNES, of the Lower Provinces.

On the Patriarchal Branch of the Order.—Reps. DUFOUR, of the District of Columbia; HIRST, of Delaware; MINTA, of California; HILL, of Massachusetts; TWEEDALE, of Oregon; AYDELOTT, of Tennessee; WATSON, of Florida; DILCHER, of New York; HOLMES, of Iowa.

On the Degree of Rebekah.—Reps JEWELL, of New Hampshire; MACK, of Nevada; GIBSON, of Nebraska; CLARK, of Minnesota; CELLEY, of Vermont; CRICHLOW, of Tennessee; GREENFIELD, of Michigan; GRANT, of Indiana; HOCKIN, of the Lower Provinces.

On Correspondence.—Reps. KENDALL, of Wisconsin; KINES, of Quebec; BROWN, of Rhode Island; PRICKETT, of Illinois; GRASSMANN, of New Jersey; PARKER, of Ohio; REDHEFFER, of Missouri; ROBINSON, of Dakota; PETTIT, of Florida.

On Petitions.—Reps. HEDRICK, of Nebraska; REA, of Pennsylvania; DUTEMPLE, of Rhode Island; DORSETT, of Georgia; ANDERSON, of Manitoba; BUCHER, of Virginia; HILL, of New Hampshire; MAGUIRE, of California; MERRIMAN, of Massachusetts.

On Returns.—Reps. CODDING, of Kansas; MERRILL, of Maine; SMITH, of New Jersey; GRANT, of Kentucky; MILICE, of Indiana; COE, of Connecticut; SMITH, of Dakota; CROSETT, of California; GLIDDEN, of New Hampshire.

On Unfinished Business.—Reps. YOUNG, of Manitoba; DEAN, of Maryland; COCKBURN, of Minnesota; MCINTOSH, of Alabama; MCCOLL, of British Columbia; KIDDER, of Wisconsin; LANG, of West Virginia; KEITH, of Connecticut; ALEXANDER, of Oregon.

On Miscellaneous Business.—Reps. SLACK, of Pennsylvania; PRICE, of Missouri; MCMURPHEY, of Montana; TUTTLE, of Colorado; HART, of Mississippi; METSCHAN, of Oregon; WOODBURY, of Maine; LONG, of Kansas; TABER, of Massachusetts.

On Grand Bodies Not Represented—Reps. REEDY, of Delaware; WOODNORTH, of Wisconsin; ALWARD, of Michigan; BERTRAM, of Kansas; SMITH, of New Hampshire; CURLER, of Nevada; BRYANT, of Nebraska; KENT, of New Mexico; BOBBITT, of North Carolina.

On Mileage and Per Diem.—Reps. VOEGTLE, of Louisiana; POWERS, of Iowa; GUTHRIE, of Delaware; GIFFORD, of Massachusetts; HILL, of Virginia; RICE, of Dakota; RICHARDSON, of Maine.

On Appeals (appointed July 17th, 1888).—Reps. STEBBINS, of New York; GOODWIN, of Georgia; KUYKENDALL, of Wyoming; WRIGHT, of Pennsylvania; MORRIS, of Kentucky; BRAINARD, of the District of Columbia; COMLEY, of Connecticut; JANES, of Michigan; KENNER, of Indiana.

The Grand Secretary proceeded to read the minutes of the last annual session, when

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved that the further reading be dispensed with, and the Revised Journal of 1887, as printed, be approved, which was adopted.

Rep. ORENDORFF, of Illinois, moved that the Grand Sire be authorized to appoint an Assistant Grand Guardian, which was adopted, and

The Grand Sire appointed C. C. PEARCE, P. G. Rep., of Florida.

The Deputy Grand Sire appointed JOHN W. MCQUIDDY, P. G. Rep., of Indiana, to take charge of the Secret Work during the session.

The Grand Sire submitted his annual report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRAND SIRE.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

REPRESENTATIVES—The year 1887 stands out as the most prosperous in the history of the Order. Not only has the increase in members been larger than ever before, except upon one occasion, but the revenue received is larger by hundreds of thousands, and the expenditures for relief are vastly increased over any former period. Not only this, but the Order has increased largely in wealth, power and influence. Large cities and towns, which formerly paid little or no attention to us, now eagerly welcome us to their hospitalities. Judges and Governors vie with each other in doing us honor, and well may we be proud of the position the Order has attained.

The Condition of the Order,

as appears from the returns in the Grand Secretary's office, is as follows:

		INCREASE.	DECREASE.
Grand Lodges	54	.....	.....
Subordinate Lodges	8,331	222	.....
Grand Encampments	45	1	.....
Subordinate Encampments	2,048	52	.....
Lodge Initiations	53,331	8,425	.....
Lodge Members	555,722	25,422	.....
Encampment Initiations	10,932	1,295	.....
Encampment Members	101,742	3,969	.....
Total Relief	$2,353,766 02	$126,441 52	.....
Total Revenue	$3,065,091 42	$405,319 05	.....

It will thus be seen that the net increase in membership is the magnificent number of 25,422, and the current year bids fair to outstrip the preceding one. It will certainly do this, unless the Presidential election in the United States shall have the effect of distracting the attention of the members from their duty as Odd Fellows.

Rebekah Lodges.

Here, too, there has been an unexampled increase in membership, resources and relief. The statistics are as follows:

	Lodges.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.
December 31st, 1886	1,345	.....	.....	.....	33,333	33,958	67,291
Admitted during 1887	153	.....	.....	.....	9,463	9,347	18,810
					42,796	43,305	86,101
Deduct—							
Withdrawn or dropped	.....	3,318	2,602	5,920	.....	.....	.....
Expelled	.....	28	14	42	.....	.....	.....
Deceased	.....	274	300	574	.....	.....	.....
		3,620	2,916	6,536	3,620	2,916	6,536
Lodges and members December 31st, 1887	1,498	.....	.....	.....	39,176	40,389	79,565
Increase in 1887	153	.....	.....	.....	5,843	6,431	12,274

Assets, December 31st, 1886, $156,292.69; December 31st, 1887, $179,247.90; increase, $22,955.21. Relief in 1886, $16,290.81; in 1887, $17,673.91; increase, $1,383.10. Expenses in 1886, $53,099.97; in 1887, $68,112.96; increase, $15,102.99.

In connection with this degree I have made the following decisions:

Rebekah Decisions.

1. No person not a member of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, except officers expressly authorized by law, can be allowed to be present at the conferring of the new Rebekah Work or the exemplification thereof.

2. A State Grand Lodge may authorize any Rebekah Degree Lodge within its jurisdiction to open a session of such Lodge, presided over by its officers, to meet at any place within its jurisdiction during the session and at the place of meeting of such Grand Lodge, for the purpose of exemplifying, in the presence of the members of the Order entitled to witness the same, the new Rebekah Work.

3. No member of a Grand Lodge is entitled to witness such exemplification by reason of his being such member of or a Representative to a Grand Lodge.

4. Members of a Grand Lodge will not be permitted to be present at the exemplification of the Rebekah Degree, unless members of Rebekah Degree Lodges in good standing. The reason is that the new Ritual is designed for the use of Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah only, and those who are not in possession of the degree as revised have no right to witness it.

5. The laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge passed at Denver, in September last, authorizing the appointment of lady Past Grands as installing officers of Rebekah Lodges and providing for a burial ceremony for a Daughter of Rebekah, are general laws, and do not take effect until January 1st, 1888.

6. In conferring the Degree of Rebekah, as in all the other degrees of the Order, the language of the Ritual must be adhered to. In conferring the beautified Work with tableaux and characters, it is not permissible to use any words or language other than as prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

7. A Rebekah Convention which has the sanction of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction has the right to and should take the S. A. Pass Word before admitting to the Convention, and none of those without it should be admitted.

8. In the absence of special legislation on the subject, and in analogy to the law in reference to Subordinate Lodges, I decide that a Brother or Sister who has been suspended from a Rebekah Degree Lodge for non-payment of dues, cannot become a member of another Rebekah Degree Lodge without first being re-instated and receiving a Withdrawal Card from the Lodge in which he or she was suspended; and that they cannot become Charter members of a Lodge without first obtaining such card.

9. Terms of office in Rebekah Lodges are not composed of a number of nights' service, but of stated periods of time, six months or one year, as the local law provides (Digest, 324), and to entitle officers to the honors of the term, if there be any, they must serve a majority of the nights of such term, whether the regular meetings be held weekly, semi-monthly or monthly. (1887, Journal, 10,716, Decision 28.) The rules governing Subordinate Lodges as to terms of office are applicable to these Lodges.

10. An unmarried sister of an Odd Fellow of another jurisdiction can acquire membership in a Rebekah Lodge in the jurisdiction in which she resides. An application signed by her and indorsed by her brother, the Odd Fellow, accompanied by a certificate from his Lodge of the fact of his membership, will authorize a Rebekah Lodge to elect her to membership. Of course, if the laws of the Lodge to which application is made require the recommendation of a member of that Lodge, that must be obtained also. This is a very liberal construction of the law, but seems to accord with the tendency of the times. The fact of relationship can be established in any way that may satisfy the Lodge.

11. A woman divorced *a vinculo matrimonii*, her father being a Third Degree member, is eligible to membership in a Rebekah Degree Lodge as an unmarried daughter of an Odd Fellow.

12. The widow of an Odd Fellow who was not in good standing at the time of his death is not eligible, nor does the fact that she had a brother who was a member, who died during the life of her husband, make her eligible under the head of unmarried sister. A woman cannot be a sister of a dead man. Were the brother alive she would be eligible —*Digest*, 335.

13. A Subordinate Lodge in whose jurisdiction there is a Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah can confer the Degree of Rebekah, but they must use the old Rituals.

14. A Rebekah Degree Lodge can confer the Degree of Rebekah on an Odd Fellow in good standing without his becoming a member of the Rebekah Lodge.—*Digest*, 323a; *Journal S. G. L.* 1882, pp. 9058, 9104.

Patriarchs Militant.

The early stage at which it is necessary to prepare this report for printing renders me unable to procure any statistics in reference thereto. The report of the Lieutenant-General, herewith presented, will, however, give full details as to its present condition and future prospects. The following opinions and decisions relating to this branch of the Order have been made, and are submitted for your action:

OPINIONS AND DECISIONS.

15. A member of the Patriarchs Militant has no right to wear his uniform while installing the officers of a Subordinate Lodge, either in connection with a Past Grand's regalia or without it. Being the representative of the Grand Master, he must wear the regalia representing that office, and that alone. The Grand Master and his Deputy are, so to speak, civil officers, and when performing the functions of that office should be clothed in regalia appropriate to those functions. The Sovereign Grand Lodge (1886, Journal, 10,691,) resolved "that the Patriarchs Militant uniform be and is hereby denominated a regalia, and as such can be worn by Chevaliers when visiting Lodges and Encampments of our Order." The design of this resolution, it seems to me, was simply to enable Chevaliers to make social visits to Subordinates in their uniform, and not to authorize them to wear it when performing duties as officers, either Grand or Subordinate. It was, I repeat, simply to facilitate purely social intercourse. It has always been the settled rule, that a Brother occupying an office, even temporarily, must be clothed in the regalia of that office (Digest, 860, 955, 956, 1043); and allowing Chevaliers to wear their uniform, in whole or in part, with another regalia, at the pleasure of the wearer, would be to destroy all uniformity and all appropriateness. In a Lodge-room the form and color of the officers' regalia are significant, and to some extent symbolical of the duties and rank of the officers. The intrusion of the Patriarchs Militant uniform into the chairs of officers of Subordinates would destroy all this, and would give to Subordinates a motley appearance, unique and perhaps ridiculous.

16. When a Chevalier, as such, visits a Subordinate, he must be clothed in full uniform; either the "full dress" or "undress" will answer the law. A part will not. The law says he can wear the *uniform*, not a part of it. As well (before the abolition of the apron) might a Brother have entered a Lodge with a collar and no apron. or with an apron and no collar, but it will not be pretended for a moment that this could have been done. The interests of the Order will, in my judgment, be best subserved by keeping these two regalias entirely distinct.

17. I am asked the following question in substance, "Does the word 'battalions' in General Order No. 16, Army Headquarters (Journal, 10,647), requiring Commanders of Departments to assign newly-mustered Cantons to 'battalions

and regiments,' refer to separate battalions, or to all battalions, whether separate or in regiments, the claim on the one side being that such Commanders may assign such Cantons to battalions in regiments as well as to separate battalions; and on the other side, when a regiment has been formed out of existing battalions, the assignment must be to the regiment; and that it is the duty of the Colonel to make the assignment to any battalion he may see fit in his regiment. This, of course, depends on what, in the light of general military rules, the law makers intended by the language used. It is a general rule in the construction of statutes that force and effect should, if possible, be given to all the words used. If it had been the intention to empower the Department Commander to assign newly mustered Cantons to all battalions, whether separate or in regiments, then the words 'and regiments' in the law have no force and are mere useless verbiage, but being there, force must be given them, and no authorized construction of statutes will permit them to be disregarded. Two bodies of men are specified to which assignments may be made, viz, battalions and regiments, and the assignment is to the body and not to an integral portion of it.

"Again, after assignment, the Department Commander is to 'report to the Colonels of regiments, Generals of brigades and divisions, and to the Lieutenant-General.' In case of a separate battalion, no report can be made to a Colonel, because there is no Colonel holding command over a separate battalion, and in that case the first report would be to the Brigade Commander. If the assignment be to a regiment, the first report would be to the Colonel. The language in reference to reports strengthens the contention that the assignment, when to a regiment, is to be to the regiment generally. The construction of the language used, taken altogether, seems to be clearly in favor of the position that the assignment, when made to a regiment, is to be made to it generally, and that the Colonel is the one to assign to the battalions of his regiment. But it is contended that this could not have been the intention of the law-making power, because, as alleged, the Department Commander is the better qualified to perform that service, for the reason that he musters in the Cantons, and, therefore, will be more apt to understand the wishes of the new Canton in respect to the matter. The force of this position is greatly weakened from the fact that in many instances Majors and other officers are detailed to muster these Cantons, and besides it seems to me more probable that the commandant of a regiment, it being a much smaller body of men and spread over a smaller territory, would be much better acquainted with the men under his immediate command and better able to make a proper assignment, both as respects the wishes of the new Canton and the best interests of the regiment, than the Department Commander, and both of these things should be taken into account in making the assignment. The Colonel is more immediately responsible for the conduct and proficiency of his regiment than the commander of the department, and would certainly take as much pride in keeping it up to the highest possible standard, as his superior officer.

"Again, it seems to me on general principles that there should be, as much as possible, a division of powers as well as of duties. It is in accordance with modern ideas of government—American ideas, at least—and of the principles of our institution.

"Home rule as distinguished from centralization of power, except upon great emergencies, seems to be a correct theory of government. In certain matters, the Captain has entire control within his company, being liable only for the abuse of that control. The same is true of the Major, of the Colonel, and so on to the highest officer of the army.

"Such being my convictions, I am constrained to hold that the assignment of a newly-mustered Canton, when made to a regiment, is to be made general, and that the duty of assignment to a regimental battalion devolves upon the Colonel Commandant."

18. In the matter of the protest of officers of the Second Regiment of the Division of the East, Patriarchs Militant.

In considering the protest of officers of the First Regiment, Division of the East, Patriarchs Militant, supplemented by the protest of officers of the Second Regiment, same Division, against the acts of the Lieutenant-General therein particularly described, the Commander in-Chief desires to express his regret that any such protest has been made, as it imposes upon him a very unpleasant duty, that of reviewing the acts of an officer high in the estimation of the Order, and one for whom he entertains the highest respect, but the protest having been made, it is the duty of the Commander-in-Chief to decide the matter impartially according to his best judgment, so that no bad precedent be set in reference to the question in issue to plague us in the future.

The duties of the Grand Sire, in reference to this branch of the Order, are understood by him to be *mainly* of an appellate character, the active command of the Army being devolved by law upon the Lieutenant-General; hence, it would seem that in matters of discretion that officer's opinions should prevail. The question here, however, is one of law—one of the construction of a statute.

First. The first point of the protest is to the promotion of Brigadier-General CUSHMAN to be Major-General, and the assigning of him to the command of the First Army Corps, thus "ignoring an efficient officer of superior rank who is entitled to the position, not only by virtue of his rank, but by his acknowledged service in the interest of this degree."

Within the rule mentioned above, the only question to be decided is as to the *power* of the Lieutenant-General to promote Brigadier-General CUSHMAN over the heads of the officers holding Major-General's Commissions, within the limits of the First Army Corps, and not as to the character or qualifications of those Generals.

At the outset, it should be borne in mind that the general law is that all commissioned officers from Captain to Major-General, inclusive, are to be elected (Journal, 10,117), the Major-Generals by the Brigadiers and Colonels.

Now, when the Sovereign Grand Lodge authorized the formation of Army Corps, did it intend to violate this general rule and invest the power of promotion in the Lieutenant-General? The law reads, "The officers to be placed in command of Army Corps shall be *selected* by the Commander of the Patriarchs Militant from the Generals in command of troops, and be commissioned as Corps Commanders, with the rank of Major Generals." It is claimed that this law confers upon the Lieutenant-General the power to promote.

It is a general rule in the construction of either constitutional or statutory law, that where it gives a general power or enjoins a duty, it gives by implication every particular power necessary to the exercise of the one or the performance of the other. But if the means for the exercise of the power be also granted, no other or different means or power can be implied. Kent's Commentaries, p. 515, note (7th ed); 2 Scammon Ill. R, p. 79. Such is the general as well as the undisputed rule. The statute may be read as follows: "The Commander shall select from the Generals in command of troops with—that is, having the rank of Major-Generals," etc. Bear in mind the words are, "shall be *selected*," not appointed or promoted. Clearly, there is no express power given by Section 2, page 10,877, the law in question. The power to promote is not at all necessary to the exercise of the power to select, because in the district covered by the Corps there were two officers with the rank of Major-General, and the power of selection is all the power given, except the power to commission them as Corps Commanders. It is claimed that the expression "with the rank of Major-Generals," authorizes their promotion to that rank. On the contrary, it assumes that they hold that rank when selected and assigned. There is a broad distinction between *promotion to* a rank and *assignment* of one *with* the rank. Nor does the construction contended for derive any additional force from the expression "from the commanders of troops," for the phrase contains no express power to promote. The conclusion seems irresistible that the law does not confer the power to *promote*, but only the power to *select* and *commission* those already holding that rank.

If there had been no such officer as Major-General in the Army, but only Brigadiers, then the phrase "select from Generals in command of troops and commission as Corps Commanders, with the rank of Major-Generals," would confer the power to promote, because the requirement being that they must be Major-Generals, the power to promote would be absolutely essential to the exercise of the power to select and commission, and would be clearly implied under the rule of construction above stated. Upon no other ground can the exercise of the implied power to promote be sustained. There being Major-Generals in the case, such implied power does not exist.

But it may be claimed that if the power to promote does not exist, then there may be no Major General qualified to be selected and assigned, by reason of habitual neglect of duty and proved incompetency. This, however, cannot be so. In such cases the military law provides a remedy. The incompetent officer can be ordered under arrest and charges preferred against him, and then a Brigadier may be assigned to the command of the Corps, though he would be simply acting Major-General, and not one having that rank. While the rigidity and severity of military arrests, in the treatment of officers arrested, cannot be presumed to be applied in their force, in our military degree, in justice to officers, the general features, so far as they relate to the causes of arrest and the information to which the officer thus disgraced is entitled, touching the grounds of complaint against him, must be observed. No *ex parte* condemnation can be final against him. Any other rule would be grossly unjust and contrary to all rules, civil or military, and should not be tolerated for a moment.

The degree of the Patriarchs Militant has for its basis the United States Army. By act of Congress of June 23d, 1879, the Secretary of War was directed to codify the army regulations, and in the army regulations thus prepared, on page 87, Article LXI, will be found the rules touching arrests. Paragraph 865 reads as follows: "Officers are not to be put in arrest for light offenses. For these the censure of the commanding officer will, in most cases, answer the purpose of discipline."

In other cases provision is made for summoning courts-martial and the trial of charges.

The second ground of protest is the appointment of Brigadier-General WHIPPLE, an officer of his personal staff, by the Lieutenant-General, to the command of the First Brigade, Division of the East, Department of Massachusetts. The assignment of General CUSHING to the command of the First Army Corps, and relieving him of the command of the Brigade, left a vacancy in the command. There were two Colonels in this Brigade, and, in my judgment, one of these, the ranking officer, should have been assigned to the command of the Brigade. It is claimed by the Lieutenant-General that military authorities differed as to which of these two was the ranking officer, and to avoid making a choice in a case where there was a conflict, he appointed General WHIPPLE, *temporarily*, to the command, and that he occupied that position only about a month, when one of the two Colonels mentioned was elected to the vacancy.

CONCLUSION.

As to the first point of the protest, I decline to interfere in the matter further, and remit the whole subject to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, for the reason that the Lieutenant-General acted in good faith in his construction of the law, though, in my judgment, such construction was erroneous; that there seems to be a pretty general acquiescence in his act, and peace and harmony seem to prevail in the territory affected; that in case of an adverse decision it would invalidate the appointment of several Corps Commanders, concerning whose appointment no fault has been found, and lastly, because I believe the best interests of the Army require that the matter should be considered by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in the first instance, in connection with needed legislation upon the subject-matter of the protest.

As to the second point of the protest, I hold that the assignment of General

WHIPPLE was not warranted by law, but it is of no avail now to rescind the order assigning him, as the whole force of the order has been spent, and a Brigadier regularly elected in place of General CUSHMAN

JNO. H. WHITE, *Grand Sire,*
Commander in Chief.

Albion, N. Y., May 10th, 1888.

Miscellaneous Decisions.

19. Section 883 does not decide the question you ask, which is: "Is it fitting that a Brother fill the position of D. D. Grand Master for his Lodge and Recording Secretary at the same time?" I cannot see that the offices are what are denominated incompatible offices. The only necessary conflict is in the installation, but that may be performed by any Past Grand. You class the Noble Grand, Vice Grand and Recording Secretary together and call them executive officers. This, it seems to me, is hardly accurate. The Noble Grand is an executive officer, and the Vice Grand may be, as the Vice Grand may act in the absence of the Noble Grand. I think the Recording Secretary may more properly be denominated a "ministerial" officer; that is, an officer who acts by direction of another or under another's authority. An executive officer is one who executes or directs. A ministerial officer is the directed. I therefore, as at present advised, must decide that a D. D. Grand Master may act as Recording Secretary, but that a Noble Grand or a Vice Grand cannot.

20. The form of affirmation prescribed in the proclamation of the Grand Sire, December 23d, 1886, is by its terms applicable only to officers-elect about to be installed, and members of Grand Lodges when they present themselves for admission, and of course the change in the form of the affirmation affects those only. The affirmation is to be administered to all officers elect and all applicants for admission to Grand Lodges, with these words omitted, viz.: "The Patriarchal Circle or any successor thereof, by whatever name known, or in." The affirmation required by the second and third clauses of the proclamation is not affected at all by the action of the Grand Lodge, and the affirmation therein provided for applicants for membership in either Lodges or Encampments must be administered to all such applicants, and taken by them before they can be received in membership in such Lodges and Encampments.

The second paragraph of the Grand Sire's proclamation warrants and requires the demand, by every Subordinate Lodge and Encampment in every Grand Jurisdiction, that each and every applicant for membership in each Subordinate shall take and subscribe the declaration, upon his honor as an Odd Fellow, "that he does not hold membership in the Patriarchal Circle or any successor thereof, by whatever name the same may be known or called."

This law is still in force and not affected by the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its last session, changing the form of the declaration to be administered to candidates, to officers-elect of Subordinates and applicants for membership in Grand Bodies.

It is the duty of every Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment to require all Lodges and Encampments to conform to this law.

21. Yours of 14th inst., with report of your predecessor to the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, is received, and I am glad to note that there is an increase in Encampments and in the membership of the Encampment branch in your noble jurisdiction, and that the Grand Encampment has put itself in accord with the Sovereign Grand Lodge and its legislation in reference to the Patriarchal Circle question. I sincerely trust that it will be the end of the trouble in your State. To your question, as follows: "The members of Excelsior Encampment, No. 20, at Portage, surrendered their Charter last August rather than subscribe to the iron-clad obligation. These men now ask the Grand Encampment for Withdrawal Cards. Are they entitled to them? I am satisfied in my own mind that the members are now, at this time, active members of the Patriarchal Circle." I answer emphatically, "No, unless they have,

in good faith, withdrawn from and renounced the Patriarchal Circle." Grand Sire GAREY, in his decision No. 11 (1886, Journal, 10,251) in reference to members of the Circle, held that "any member in good standing might apply to his Lodge for a Withdrawal Card before January 1st, 1886, and his Lodge might grant the card, unless charges were preferred against him." This decision implies that after January 1st, Circle members could not have cards recommending them to the friendship and protection of the Order. It may be said that the card does not do this. If that be so, it certainly does give them standing and does indorse them as proper applicants for membership in the Order. The legislation of 1885 extended the day of grace to these deluded Brethren to the period above named, and they have deliberately chosen to put themselves outside of the pale of the Order, and there they should stay, unless, like the Prodigal Son, they repent and return to their father's house, where they will be received with open arms and fed upon the fat things in store for all good and true Odd Fellows. If you are satisfied they have withdrawn from the Circle in good faith, the cards can be granted; if not, not. If they insist on retaining their membership in the Circle, they can want the cards for no good purpose. You are authorized to take such means as your judgment may dictate to ascertain their present status. They have virtually avowed their membership, and it is for them to purge themselves from disloyalty and furnish proof of it. There is no law, and never has been, which requires any Grand Officer or Grand Lodge to grant a card to any member of any defunct Subordinate without inquiry as to the right of such member to the card, and as to the propriety of granting the same.

22. If a Lodge on being instructed by the Grand Master to cease violating the law, complies, I know of no law which forbids its doing so under protest.

23. A Grand Master on instituting a new Lodge opens a Lodge in the Scarlet Degree.

24. Whether a proposition fee should be turned in, with the receipts of the Lodge for the evening, to the Treasurer, or be held by the Secretary until the applicant is elected or rejected, is a subject for local legislation.

25. The general rule is that any scarlet member is eligible to any office in a Lodge except that of Noble Grand and Vice Grand, and hence a Subordinate Lodge has no right to require service in an appointed office as a qualification for election to any other elective office.

26. The Senior Warden is the second working officer in rank in an Encampment, and from analogy it would seem, and I so decide, that a Subordinate Encampment has no right to require service in an appointed office as a qualification for election to any elective office therein except Chief Patriarch and Senior Warden. A Patriarch need not serve in the office of High Priest to be eligible to the office of Chief Patriarch, unless required by the local law.—*Digest*, 928.

27. There seems to be no general law requiring service as Junior Warden to entitle the Past Chief Patriarch to the Grand Encampment Degree; hence, where a Past Chief Patriarch presents to the Grand Encampment of another jurisdiction a certificate from the officers of his own Encampment that he is a Past Chief Patriarch, accompanied by a Visiting Card in date, and a certificate from the Grand Scribe of his jurisdiction that he is a Past Chief Patriarch and District Deputy for the current year, with a request that the said Grand Encampment confer upon him the Grand Encampment Degree, such Grand Encampment has no right to refuse compliance because it is not certified that the holder is a Past Junior Warden. There are no past official degrees in the Encampment branch of the Order, unless the Grand Encampment Degree be called such.

28. A Past Grand is not entitled to admission into his Grand Lodge without the Pass Word of the current term, he being more than thirteen weeks in arrears. If, being more than thirteen weeks in arrears, he obtains the Pass Word in a surreptitious manner, he does not by that acquire any rights, and is

not entitled to sit in his Grand Lodge. A Grand Lodge, on ascertaining the fact that he is more than thirteen weeks in arrears, and that he obtained the Pass Word improperly, may eject him from its sessions.—*Digest*, 994, 1440.

29. Where the Constitution of a Grand Body provides that its revenue is derived from the sale of supplies and a capitation tax levied upon the membership of the Subordinates, and that the Finance Committee shall report at the annual session an estimate of the expenses of the Grand Body for the current fiscal year, for salaries, etc., and the Grand Body at its annual session levies a tax in accordance therewith, one-half to accompany each semi-annual report, a Lodge, although instituted during the preceding term, and but sixteen or seventeen weeks prior to such annual session, is bound to pay the full capitation tax so levied.

30. The portion of the law of the Grand Lodge of Michigan in reference to the consolidation of Subordinates, concerning which the doubt exists, is as follows: "All the members in good standing of each of said Lodges shall thereupon become members of such consolidated Lodge, which shall also have jurisdiction over all suspended members of each of said Lodges.

"All the funds, property and record books, belonging to each of said Lodges, shall belong to and be turned over to such consolidated Lodge, and all of the charge-books, except such as originally belonged to the Lodge whose name and number have been retained, shall be turned over to the Grand Lodge."

The doubt existing seems to be occasioned by the decision of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in 1882, and known as the Chickasaw Lodge case (Journal, 8955). It will be observed that this decision was made prior to any enactment of the Sovereign Grand Lodge authorizing the consolidation of Lodges, but it seems to me that the entire force and effect of this decision are entirely destroyed by the subsequent enactment (1883, Journal, 9404), and the subsequent decision (1884, Journal, 9755), and that the whole subject is by those laws remitted to the Subordinate Grand Bodies. The idea has prevailed that by the consolidation of two Lodges, one of them becomes a defunct Lodge. It is difficult to reconcile this with sound reason, because, if one becomes defunct, why does not the other one also become defunct? It is not the same Lodge as it was before. The retaining of the name of one in preference to the other certainly cannot make the difference. The Grand Lodge doubtless has the right to give a new name and number to the consolidated body, and if this be so there would be two defunct bodies instead of one, and it can make no difference whether the Charters, one or both, are retained by the consolidated Lodge as mementos of their former condition, or whether they be placed among the archives of the Grand Lodge. It is the thing, the substance, we are looking at, and not the paper. The merging or joining of two bodies cannot annihilate either. By the act of merging, the rights, properties and franchises of each are united together, forming, in fact, but perhaps not in name, a new body or corporation possessing the rights, powers and franchises of both. Hence, it would seem to follow that the suspended members of both would sustain the same relation to the consolidated body that they did to their own before consolidation. This being so, of course the new Lodge can re-instate or grant Dismissal Certificates to the suspended members of either, and can annul Clearance Cards granted within a year. I therefore hold that your law is not in conflict with any law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

31. "A member of a Subordinate Lodge who has been suspended by his Encampment for non-payment of dues, or for any cause, or who has withdrawn from his Encampment or lost his membership therein in any other way, has no right to wear the Encampment regalia in his Subordinate Lodge or in any other Odd Fellow organization under or created by the authority of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. A Past Grand thus situated has not the right to wear the combined regalia of the Order, nor any trimmings of yellow metal, or other yellow material, in any Lodge of any kind."

32. Subordinate Encampments under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand

Lodge may elect trustees of the Lodge if authorized so to do by By-Law of the Encampment, approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Without such approval they cannot. Trustees are not officers of the Encampment in the sense used in Article VII., Section 1, of the Constitution of Subordinate Encampments.

33. I am inclined to think that where a member pays dues in advance, in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws of his Lodge, and dies before another payment becomes due, the Lodge is not bound to refund to his representatives a proportionate share of the dues so paid, and I so decide.

34. *Question*—Has a member three months in arrears the right to speak in his Lodge?

Answer—It seems to be a general rule of the Order that a member in arrears for dues over three months is not in good standing, and for that reason is deprived of the privilege of participating in the proceedings of his Lodge. He has no right to the Pass Word or to vote (Digest, 739), and I think it also extends to the right to participate in debate or to make motions, but I think the matter may be regulated by the local law. Of course he cannot be deprived of the right to speak in his own defense where charges are preferred against him.

35. Section 42 of the By-Laws of Argyll Lodge, No. 212, at Apanee, Ontario, instituted October 17th, 1878, is as follows:

"*Non-Beneficial Membership.*—Section 42. A member of the Initiatory Degree of Truth may, on application, and a *favorable ballot* thereon, receive all the degrees for working purposes, on the payment of *one dollar*, but he shall not be entitled to or receive any additional benefits than he would have been entitled to previous to receiving said degrees until he shall have paid the balance of the fees, $3.00 for each degree; and should such member die before he has paid the full fee, and leave a widow or orphan child or children, their benefits shall be the same as they would have been provided the deceased Brother had *not* received the degrees.

"The acceptance of the full fees for such degrees by this Lodge shall be determined *by ballot*, and one week's notice in open Lodge must be given before such ballot can be had, and the Lodge may demand the physician's certificate before taking such ballot."

Section 57 provides benefits as follows: Third Degree, $3.00; Second Degree, $2.50; First Degree, $2 00; Initiatory Degree, $1.50.

This By-Law of Argyll Lodge is a queer one. I don't understand what is meant by "a member of the Initiatory Degree of Truth." It is an attempt to establish non-beneficial membership. It provides that an initiatory member shall receive $1.50 benefits, and then authorized the conferring of the three degrees for the sum of $1.00; and the theory of the By-Law seems to be that a member thus situated is a non-beneficial member. But this is not true, as he receives benefits and participates in the working of the Lodge. There would be no objection to the two ballots if the membership were non-beneficial, because the second ballot, on the theory of the By-Law, would simply change him from a non-beneficial member to a beneficial member, in which case he has to pay an additional sum of $8.00 for the degrees.

The By-Law is illegal in its whole scope and aim.

36. A Lodge has the right to donate money from its General Fund for the benefit of an Odd Fellows' Home, established under the authority of the resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1887.—*Journal*, 10,986, 11,027.

37. A Lodge may invest its surplus funds in the stock of a bank, loan and trust company, or other moneyed enterprise which it may deem to be a good paying concern.

38. A Lodge holding memorial services, pursuant to the proclamation of the Grand Sire, may expend a reasonable amount of its funds to defray the necessary expenses incident thereto, under the limitations and restrictions contained in the decision of the Grand Sire No. 15, 1887.—*Journal*, 10,714.

39. "Can a Charter be granted to petitioners, all of whom are holders of Dismissal Certificates?" I am compelled to answer this, No; there must be five petitioners who are members of the Order in good standing. (Digest, 1162a, Journal, 8838.) What is meant by "Brothers of the Order in good standing," in Article I. of the By-Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Digest, 1162, is members holding unexpired Withdrawal Cards. (Decision Grand Sire WHITE, 1887.) Holders of Dismissal Certificates and of expired Withdrawal Cards, though not members of the Order, may join with five holders of unexpired Withdrawal Cards in a petition for a Charter, and thus become Charter members. (Digest, 1177, 1178.) I think the practice has been to grant Charters where it was necessary to count holders of Dismissal Certificates and expired Withdrawal Cards, in order to make up the requisite number (five), but, as I view it, it was not the law. Resignation severs membership instantly and totally (Digest, 678), and a Dismissal Certificate is simply evidence of resignation. Holders of unexpired Withdrawal Cards, though not members, are to a certain extent subject to the jurisdiction of the Order (Digest, 179, 180, 180a, 180b), as these cards may be annulled within one year from their date, but after that they have no force or validity and cannot be annulled. (Digest, 180, 181, 186, 187.) Hence, it follows that holders of expired cards are not members of the Order, nor are they Brother Odd Fellows, and the same is true of holders of Dismissal Certificates.

40. A Grand Representative's right to introduce visitors is confined to his own jurisdiction; he has, therefore, not the right to introduce *any* Brother into any Subordinate out of his own jurisdiction under any circumstances. Section 1410, Digest, does not, in any way, change this rule.

41. A District Deputy Grand Sire has no right to grant a dispensation to a Subordinate under his jurisdiction to march in public procession with their regalia, unless a general authority is given him by the Grand Sire.—*Digest*, 5, 1022, 1023.

42. If a Subordinate Lodge has permission to march in public procession in regalia, Encampment members of such Lodge have the right to wear their Encampment regalia in such Lodge processions.

43. A Brother was regularly tried and convicted. The Trial Committee accompanied their report with a resolution of expulsion. The Lodge refused, on a vote regularly taken, to expel, and also refused to suspend the Brother, but did decide to reprimand. The Brother was admitted to the Lodge and reprimanded in accordance with the local law. At the second meeting thereafter, the Lodge, by a formal vote, declared the proceedings pronouncing and inflicting the penalty, null and void, and at a subsequent meeting proceeded to take further action on the report of the Trial Committee, and by vote declared the Brother expelled. No appeal from the last action was taken.

On this state of facts I decide that the action imposing and inflicting the penalty of reprimand was final and conclusive, and that the subsequent action of the Lodge was null and void. That the Lodge had no jurisdiction of the offense after it had imposed and inflicted a penalty for it, and that the Brother is, so far as this question is concerned, entitled to all the rights of a member in good standing.

44. Charges may be preferred to a Subordinate Lodge against one of its members for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, wherever the offense may have been committed, whether in a Rebekah Lodge, in an Encampment or elsewhere

The secret records and workings of an Encampment or Rebekah Lodge cannot be introduced in evidence or exposed in any other place or before any other tribunal, except in such Encampment or Rebekah Lodge or Trial Committee thereof.

45. Members of a Rebekah Lodge, or of an Encampment, may be tried and expelled from such Lodge or Encampment for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, and in case of conviction therein, I see no objection to the introduction

of the record of conviction in evidence before the Subordinate Lodge or Committee of Trial, stating in general terms the nature of the charges, and without disclosing any of the secret records or workings of such Rebekah Lodge or Encampment, properly certified by the officers of such Lodge or Encampment under its seal.

46. With some degree of hesitation, I approved the By-Laws of a Subordinate Lodge under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in substance as follows:

"All members admitted by initiation or by card after the approval of these By-Laws, shall pay yearly dues as follows: From 21 to 35 years old, six dollars; from 35 to 40, eight dollars; from 40 to 45, nine dollars; from 45 to 50, ten dollars; from 50 to 60, twelve and a half dollars; this rate of dues to continue during membership. Those who are or become members before such approval, to pay six dollars."

47. A Brother cannot be elected to membership in an Encampment at the same session at which his petition is presented.

48. The proclamation of the Grand Sire is sufficient authority for Subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to appear in public in regalia at the celebration of the introduction of the Order in America, April 26th.

49. I was asked if it was lawful to enact a drama in public, founded upon the principles of Odd Fellowship, and designed to illustrate "Charity," where "the Odd Fellows appear in uniform and regalia in one or two scenes on the stage," and I replied that the law did not allow the regalia of the Order to be used in public on the stage in the performance of a drama.

50. An application for membership cannot be withdrawn after the report of the committee is presented to the Lodge.

51. A member cannot make known his ballot on an application for membership under any circumstances, except as provided in Sections 645, 655 of the Digest.

52. The "Initiatory" is a degree in Odd Fellowship, but is not numbered as such. The four degrees of a Subordinate Lodge are denominated, Initiatory, First, Second and Third Degrees.

53. An application was received from Holland for a new Lodge, to have the same name and number as a defunct Lodge chartered in 1881, none of the petitioners being members of the defunct Lodge. I granted the application, thereby deciding that the Grand Sire had the power to grant a dispensation for a new Lodge with the name and number of an old defunct Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

54. When the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges fixes the period that must elapse before an initiate can be eligible to take the First Degree, it is not permissible for a Lodge to receive his application, and elect him to become a member of the First Degree before the period has expired.

55. Should a motion be made in such a case to elect a member to receive the degree in violation of the Constitution, it is the duty of the Noble Grand to declare it out of order, and should such a motion prevail, it is his duty to declare the same void; and in case the Lodge reverses his decision on an appeal therefrom, an appeal should then be taken to the D. D. Grand Master or Grand Master, as provided by the local law. Such is the general law, but much of it is a subject for local legislation.

56. When "a Noble Grand makes a decision upon the meaning of a part of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution," an appeal therefrom to the Lodge is allowable, and the Noble Grand must put the question to the Lodge as to whether it will sustain the decision of the Noble Grand; if his decision be reversed, then an appeal can be had to the proper authority as provided by the local law. In our Order there are no autocrats; the Lodge is superior to the Noble Grand, the Sovereign Grand Lodge is the superior of the Grand Sire. As a rule, the Subordinate Lodge has the jurisdiction to decide any question

which can properly come before it. To prevent misunderstanding, let me say that a Subordinate has no right to decide any question in reference to the Work of the Order, written or unwritten.—*Digest*, 962, 963.

57. Cyclone Lodge, No. 3, I. O. O. F.

Noble Grand and Brothers, complaint is made that you elected or rather reinstated in membership a Brother at a special meeting of the Lodge, without notice and without investigation. This is illegal. Article II., Section 5, Constitution of Subordinates, requires application and reference, as in other cases. You are required to strike the name of this Brother, A. FRANK ROSS, from the roll, unless he is re-instated regularly.

Complaint is also made that a committee on the application of Bro. G. A. JENNINGS refuse or neglect to report on his application, and that the Noble Grand is one of the committee. You are hereby required to compel the committee to make report on the application, in accordance with Section 2, Article II, of the Constitution of Subordinates, if the complaint is founded in truth.

58. *Question*—"Is it lawful for a Chaplain to commence and finish his prayer in the name of Christ?"

Answer—Our Order only requires a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being as a qualification for membership, and has no affinity with any religious sect or system of faith; hence, everything savoring of sectarianism is not to be tolerated The words "systems of faith or sect" do not have reference merely to sects within the pale of Christianity, but have a far broader significance, and include all the religions of the world. In this sense Christianity is a sect; hence, it is inexpedient, unwise, and, I think, unlawful, to make prominent reference to it in Lodge work. There is no law requiring Lodges to be opened or closed with prayer; but the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in 1882 (Journal, 9147), adopted forms of prayer to be used in opening and closing, but left the use of them optional with Subordinate Grand Lodges. These forms were adopted to avoid the danger of offending Brethren of different sects or systems of faith by one of an opposite faith, in extemporaneous prayer. If Lodges follow these forms there will be no danger of offending, for although taken from the Christian Bible and including the Lord's Prayer, they exactly accord with the fundamental doctrines above referred to. We have Jews, and may have Mohammedans and other non-Christian sects within our Order, and the rule applies to them equally with members of the Christian faith. They would not be allowed to use, in prayer, words which would be offensive to Christian ears; hence, it is better to avoid alluding to matters belonging to the peculiar faith of the Chaplain engaged in prayer. If a Subordinate Grand Lodge adopts these prescribed forms of prayer, then the Subordinates under its jurisdiction must use these prayers, if they use any; but they would not be bound to use them, as they could omit the use of prayers entirely at opening and closing.

59. The Constitution of a Subordinate Lodge reads, "And all members in arrears for six months shall be suspended from benefits for three months after paying the same, and will not be entitled to receive the Pass Word or vote in the Lodge," and I am asked if the member is entitled to vote and to the Pass Word after he pays up and before the expiration of the three months so fixed as a penalty. I think, under that article, he is entitled to the Pass Word and to vote as soon as he pays his dues. The three months applies only to benefits.

60. In the absence of local legislation on the subject, it is unlawful for a Lodge or Encampment to initiate a person whose residence is nearer another Lodge or Encampment (in this case, fourteen miles distant), without the consent of the nearest Subordinate.

61. If an Encampment, after being duly notified of the facts by the Grand Patriarch of the jurisdiction, and being forbidden by him so to do, persists, and elects and initiates such person, the Grand Patriarch may suspend the Encampment and demand its Charter for insubordination.

62. The Grand Patriarch, being a member of such Encampment, would, in case of suspension of the Encampment, be suspended with it. In such case

the Grand High Priest would become the acting Grand Patriarch, and in case he re-instated the Encampment with the loyal members thereof, including the Grand Patriarch, or in case the Grand Patriarch should, within one month after such suspension, lawfully join some other Encampment, his powers as Grand Patriarch would revive (if before the expiration of his term), and he could proceed with the duties of his office until his term expired.—*Digest*, 576, 577.

63. My attention being called by the Grand Secretary to the fact that the Grand Lodge of California had resolved to purchase a copy of the Ritual for each of the District Deputies of that jurisdiction, I decided that it was contrary to the law of the Order to furnish a copy of such Rituals to those officers. Digest, 1452, has been construed by former Grand Sires and Grand Secretary RIDGELY to prohibit furnishing Rituals to District Deputy Grand Sires, and it applies with equal force to D. D. Grand Masters. Those officers have no use for the Rituals, as all of the forms used by them are printed in the institution and installation-books, and the book of forms published by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

64. The Grand Encampment of Missouri is a representative body, though its membership is composed of all Past Chief Patriarchs in the jurisdiction. Its Grand Officers are elected by the Past Chief Patriarchs in the different Encampments prior to the session. An officer thus elected died between the election and the session of the Grand Body. At the session at which the election was to be held to fill the vacancy, the Grand Patriarch decided that all Past Chief Patriarchs were entitled to vote, and that the ballot was not confined to the Representatives, which decision was sustained by the Grand Encampment. The Constitution reads, "Should any Grand Officer elect fail to present himself at the time of installation, the *Representatives* shall immediately proceed to an election to fill the office."

I decided that the Encampment was in error, and that the election should have been confined to the Representatives.—*Digest*, 400.

65. Where the By-Laws of a Lodge provide that "Any member, when notified to attend a sick Brother, failing to attend in person, or by substitute, shall be fined three dollars, unless excused by a two-thirds vote of the members present," the whole question of the remission of the penalty is in the discretion of the Lodge. It may excuse for sickness in the Brother or his family, or for any other reason it may deem sufficient, such as business engagements, etc.

66. The Grand Encampment of Colorado, in its last report to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, returns 973 members. It is now claimed (August, 1888) by the Grand Scribe that the last reports of the Encampments for the term ending July, 1888, show that the jurisdiction had at that date over one thousand members. The Grand Encampment has not been in session since October last, and will not meet again until next October, and it is asked if, under these circumstances, the Grand Encampment is entitled to another Representative by appointment?

Answer—No. The additional Representative can only be admitted after a canvass of the returns by the Grand Body and upon its certificate that it has the requisite membership. The certificate of its Grand Officers, in recess, not made by its direction, is not sufficient. The decision of Grand Sire GAREY (Journal, 10,258), to the effect that if the jurisdiction, at the time of the election of Grand Representatives, has over one thousand, it may elect two, although the last annual report to the Sovereign Grand Lodge did not show that number, is not an authority in this case for the appointment of another Representative.

Defunct Grand Bodies.

There is great doubt as to the power of the Grand Sire, in recess, to reclaim Charters of defunct Grand Bodies, and I would recommend some legislation defining his powers in this regard. It is a question worthy of consideration, whether a law should not be enacted providing that whenever a Grand Body

becomes reduced to some specified number, less than the number required to form a Grand Body, the Charter should not be at once taken from it. Our Order has no need of any rotten boroughs to swell its apparent numbers.

It seems to the Grand Sire that greater caution should be observed in chartering such Bodies, and that none should be chartered in any jurisdiction where there was not a certainty that a prosperous Body can be maintained.

In this connection, it is proper to state that, from the latest information received, the Grand Lodge of Chile is practically dead, with no present hope of resurrection. There are but two or three live Lodges there, and they are in a languishing condition. One or more other Grand Bodies are kept alive, as it seems, merely for the purpose of giving some Brother an opportunity of attending the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the Representative himself paying the Representative tax, as I am informed. Some time since, I received a communication from Chicora Encampment, No. 9, of South Carolina, stating that the Grand Encampment of South Carolina had not, in several years, held a session at which a quorum had been present, and saying that the Grand Body was indebted to it for moneys advanced to pay the Representative tax, accompanied with a request that I reclaim its Charter. I corresponded with the Grand Officers on the subject, and finally directed them to bring the subject before the Grand Body at its meeting in May, and if a quorum was not then present, those present could surrender the Charter. The meeting was held with the result anticipated. A petition was prepared, requesting the Grand Sire to reclaim the Charter of the Grand Encampment. This request was complied with and the Charter was reclaimed by proclamation, and the Encampments directed thereafter to report directly to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The Charter and effects were by my direction forwarded to the Grand Secretary, and are now in his possession, at Columbus.

The correspondence in connection with this matter is herewith submitted.

CHICORA ENCAMPMENT, No 9, I. O. O. F.,
HALL, NORTHWEST CORNER KING AND LIBERTY STREETS,
Charleston, S. C., February 13th, 1888.

To J. H. WHITE,
Grand Sire, I. O. O. F., Albion, Orleans Co, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—At a regular meeting of our Encampment, held this evening, the following preambles and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The last meeting of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina was held in Charleston, S. C., May 13th, 1885, and no meeting of the same has been held since that time, by reason of a want of a quorum, though Chicora Encampment, No. 9, sent Representatives to said Grand Encampment, both at the called sessions in 1886 and 1887; *and whereas*, the Grand Encampment of South Carolina still owes to Chicora Encampment a balance of money loaned said Grand Encampment to pay said Representative tax to Sovereign Grand Lodge, years 1882 and 1883, which amount the said Grand Encampment is unable to refund; *and whereas*, the Sovereign Grand Lodge kindly remitted the tax due by said Grand Encampment of South Carolina for the last three years, and Chicora Encampment is not able to pay the Representative tax alone; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Chicora Encampment, No. 9, I. O. O. F., request the Grand Sire to revoke the Charter granted to the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, September 19th, 1843.

Be it further resolved, That Chicora Encampment, No. 9, I. O. O. F., do hereby ask of the Grand Sire a Charter or dispensation to work under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Fraternally yours,

[SEAL.] A. F. D. HOLLINGS, *C. P.*

Attest: ROBT. C. STARR, *Scribe.*

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,
Albion, Orleans Co., N. Y., February 22d, 1888.

Chicora Encampment, No. 9, I. O. O. F.:

C. P., OFFICERS AND BROTHERS—Your communication under the seal of the Encampment, with certain resolutions, is received. I shall communicate with the Grand Patriarch in reference to the matter, and will advise you of my action in the matter. But first, I will be obliged to you if you will give me the membership of your Encampment, and the name, location and membership of the other three Encampments in your State, as I have not the means of ascertaining these facts. Your last report, that is, of the Grand Encampment, gives four Encampments and 52 members in the jurisdiction. I assume that your Encampment is the largest in the State from the fact that it is in the largest city in the State. Please give the information, and oblige

Yours fraternally,

JNO. H. WHITE, *Grand Sire.*

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,
Albion, Orleans Co., N. Y., February 22d, 1888.

J. E. Meyer, Grand Patriarch:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I am in receipt of a communication from Chicora Encampment, No. 9, asking me to demand the Charter of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, and alleging that it has not held a session since May, 1885, for want of a quorum, and that it owes a balance of the money loaned it to pay its Representative tax for 1882-3. I desire you to report to me, in conjunction with the Grand Scribe, officially, with reference to the matters of this request. Of course, I have so much information as is contained in the Journal of the Sovereign Grand Lodge as to the membership, etc, and by that I see there are but four Encampments and 52 members at the last report. Please give me a detailed account of the condition of the Grand Encampment at as early a day as you can, and oblige

Yours fraternally,

JNO. H. WHITE, *Grand Sire.*

CHICORA ENCAMPMENT, No. 9, I. O. O. F.,
HALL, NORTHWEST CORNER KING AND LIBERTY STREETS,
Charleston, S. C., February 24th, 1888.

To J. H. WHITE,
Grand Sire, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I will precede my reply to yours of 22d inst. with the following:

On the 23d of January, ultimo, Chicora Encampment sent a communication to Bro. BLACK, of Greenville Encampment, Greenville, S. C., to Bro. REARDON, of Ridgely Encampment, Graniteville, S. C., to Bro. C. L. MEYER, of Ashley Encampment, Charleston, S. C. (who were Chief Patriarchs of said Camps, according to returns made to Grand Scribe in 1885), stating that the following resolutions would be acted upon at our meeting on February 13th, 1888:

"*Resolved*, That Chicora Encampment, No. 9, I. O. O. F., request the Grand Sire to revoke the Charter granted to the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, 1843.

"*Resolved*, That Chicora Encampment, No. 9, I. O. O. F., request the Grand Sire to grant to Chicora Encampment a Charter or Dispensation to work under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F."

The said Chief Patriarchs or Camps, not replying to our communication, called forth the unanimous adoption of the aforesaid resolutions.

The membership of Chicora Encampment, No. 9, I. O. O. F., is at present 22.

Our Scribe, Bro. R. C. STARR, is also Grand Scribe, and from him I obtained the following: According to returns made to him in May, 1885, Ashley Encampment had 9 members, Ridgely Encampment 10 members, Graniteville Encampment 11 members, Chicora Encampment 22 members.

Since 1885 there has been no meeting of the Grand Encampment, and no returns have been made to the Grand Scribe, except by Chicora Encampment; and according to instructions to Grand Scribes and Grand Secretaries, Grand Scribe R. C. STARR has made the same returns yearly to Bro. T. A. Ross, Grand Secretary Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The present Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, Bro. J. E. MEYER, is a member of Ashley Encampment, and said Ashley Encampment has made no returns to Grand Scribe STARR since January, 1885. Now, my dear Brother, you can readily see under what disadvantages we are laboring.

Respectfully submitted, fraternally yours,

A. F. D. HOLLINGS, *Chief Patriarch.*

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,
Albion, N. Y, February 29th, 1888.

J. E. Meyer, Grand Patriarch; Robert C. Starr, Grand Scribe:

BROTHERS—As you are doubtless aware, an application has been made to me by Chicora Encampment, No. 9, to reclaim the Charter of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina. It appears, from their statements, that there has been no meeting of the Grand Encampment since 1885, at which a quorum was present; that none of the Encampments (if I understand them rightly) except Chicora, have made returns to the Grand Scribe since the year 1885; that the Grand Scribe has, as the law requires, made his annual returns to the Sovereign Grand Lodge by inserting the returns of the Encampments which have made their returns and placed the membership of the others according to their last report.

I have received no reply to my letter of the 22d to the Grand Patriarch, but have one from C. P. HOLLINGS, in answer to one of the same date, giving me the above and stating that in 1885 Ashley had 9 members, Ridgely 10, Graniteville 11, and Chicora 22. The practical fact seems to be that all these except Chicora are dead beyond resurrection; at all events, they seem to have exhibited no signs of life, except to secure one of their members as Grand Patriarch. Now, under these circumstances, I want to suggest that you call a session of the Grand Encampment in reference to the surrender of its Charter. If a quorum does not appear, let those who do present themselves take action on the matter. Please let me hear from you at your early convenience, as it is more than folly to continue this state of affairs. The Order is very rapidly increasing in almost all sections, and I do not see why South Carolina should not awake from her slumbers. Fraternally,

JNO. H. WHITE, *Grand Sire.*

Charleston, March 7th, 1888.

Worthy Grand Sire:

I am in receipt of your communication in relation to Encampment branch of the Order. I am sorry for the delay in replying to the same, sickness being the cause. Your communication sets forth the complaint of Chicora Encampment in relation to the other Encampments having made no returns since 1885, and the Grand Camp having held no sessions. I have been holding over. The Grand Scribe and myself have had several interviews in relation to the working of the Encampments within the past few months. They have been

communicated with in relation thereto by the Grand Scribe, R. C. STARR, and have been slow to answer. He is now in receipt of an answer from Encampment in Greenville saying they are working. Ashley will be working soon after you receive this, and would have been working now if I had not been sick for nearly two weeks.

Upon the whole, I think it would be advisable to let this matter stand for the present, which can work no harm and may accomplish much good in getting matters straightened and put in proper shape. Your suggestion in relation to calling the Grand Encampment together and dissolving the same, has received due consideration by us, and we think that inasmuch as the Grand Lodge holds its session in the early part of May, and the Grand Camp the day before, at the same place, some members of the Grand Lodge being also members of the Grand Encampment, the matter can be properly considered. Immediately after the session, the Grand Scribe and myself will gladly furnish you with all that pertains to Encampment branch of the Order in detail. We will be pleased to hear from you.

Fraternally yours,

[SEAL] J. E. MEYER, *Grand Patriarch.*

Attest: ROBT. C. STARR, *Grand Scribe.*

Charleston, S. C., May 15th, 1888.

To JNO. H. WHITE, ESQ.,
Grand Sire Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O O. F., Albion, New York:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—In accordance with your communication of the 29th February, we would respectfully state that a regular call for a meeting of the Grand Encampment of the State of South Carolina was issued in regular form, said meeting to take place at Newberry, S. C., this evening, Tuesday, May 8th, 1888. There being no quorum present, the following members of the Grand Encampment only being present, took into consideration the expediency of requesting you to recall the Charter of said Grand Encampment, for the reasons heretofore stated in letters from Chicora Encampment, No. 9, and from the Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe.

It is the opinion of the undersigned that the best interest of the Order will be served by this action, and allowing Chicora Encampment, No. 9, to work under the direct supervision of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and other Encampments, if ever in shape to work, be placed under the same jurisdiction.

Hopiug that our prayer may be granted, with our best wishes for the continued prosperity of our beloved Order,

We are fraternally yours,

	SILAS JOHNSTONE. *P. G R.*	R. C. STARR, *G. S.*
[SEAL.]	H. W. TIENCKEN. *P. G. P.*	JNO. E. BOINEST, *P C P.*
	J. E. MEYER, *G. P.*	J. G. H. OPPEL, *P H. P.*

Charleston, S. C., May 15th, 1888.

JNO. H. WHITE, ESQ.:

DEAR SIR—I enclose a petition from six of the members of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina. Out of the six Patriarchs, TIENCKEN and MEYER belong to Ashley, No 3; the rest are from Chicora, No. 9, although I issued a regular notice on April 20th. Let me say that, if our prayer is granted, that the seal and books of the Grand Encampment are at your disposal. The regalia and paraphernalia lately belonging to Palmetto Encampment, No. 1, was turned over to the Grand Encampment when No. 1 became defunct. The same, by resolution of the Grand Camp, was donated to Chicora, No. 9, upon its institution. Please send me the Rules, etc., and I will see that they are enforced. With great regard, I am, fraternally,

[SEAL] ROBT. C. STARR, *Grand Scribe.*

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE.

May 18th, 1888.

To whom it may concern:

The Grand Encampment of South Carolina having failed to hold a session in several years at which a quorum was present, and a meeting of said Grand Encampment having been regularly called by the proper officers for May 8th, 1888, and no quorum appearing, and the members so coming together, including the Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe, having, under seal of the said Grand Encampment, requested the Grand Sire to recall the Charter of the said Grand Encampment: Now, therefore, I, JOHN H. WHITE, Grand Sire, do hereby recall and reclaim the said Charter, and direct the Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe to report to the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge the names, numbers and location of the Subordinates under their jurisdiction, as appears by the last report of said Encampments to the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, and forward the same, with the seal, books, papers and Charter of said Grand Encampment, by express, to THEODORE A. ROSS, Grand Secretary, at Columbus, Ohio. And I further require the Subordinate Encampments of said jurisdiction hereafter to report to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

JNO. H. WHITE, *Grand Sire.*

Warrants Issued.

Arizona —Gila Encampment, No. 3, at Globe.

Chile, South America —Germania Lodge, No. 4, at Valdivia.

France, Europe —Fraternité Lodge, No. 2, at Havre.

Idaho.—Ridgely Encampment, No. 2, at Pocatello; Temple Encampment, No. 3, at Caldwell; Ivanhoe Encampment, No. 4, at Hailey; Enterprise Encampment, No. 5, at Ketchum; The Grand Encampment of Idaho, at Hailey.

Indian Territory.—Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 6, at Lehigh; South Canadian Lodge, No. 7, at South Canadian.

Manitoba, Canada —Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, at Morden.

Mexico —Hidalgo Encampment, No. 1, at City of Mexico.

Netherlands, Europe.—Prins Hendrik Lodge, No. 3, at Zutphen.

New Mexico —Raton Encampment, No 5, at Raton.

Sandwich Islands.—Pacific Degree Lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah, at Honolulu.

Saskatchewan, Canada.—Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 1, at Battleford.

Sweden, Europe —Amicitia Lodge, No. 3, at Malmo.

Switzerland, Europe.—Eidgenossen Encampment, No. 1, at Zurich.

Utah —Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, at Bingham; Uinta Encampment, No. 5, at Ogden; The Grand Encampment of Utah, at Salt Lake City.

Commissions.

TO CONFER THE ENCAMPMENT DEGREES.

September 10th, 1887, to ALEXANDER ROGERS, P. G. M., on the petition of three Scarlet Degree members, at Bingham, Utah.

September 24th, 1887, to ALEXANDER ROGERS, P. G. M., on the petition of five Scarlet Degree members, at Ogden, Utah.

November 25th, 1887, to M. B. GWINN, D. D. Grand Sire, on the petition of nine Scarlet Degree members, at Pocatello, Idaho.

February 6th, 1888, to M. B. GWINN, D. D. Grand Sire, on the petition of five Scarlet Degree members, at Caldwell, Idaho.

March 26th, 1888, to M. B. GWINN, D. D. Grand Sire, on the petition of seven Scarlet Degree members, at Hailey, Idaho.

March 27th, 1888, to M. B. GWINN, D. D. Grand Sire, on the petition of nine Scarlet Degree members, at Ketchum, Idaho.

April 13th, 1888, to W. J. De Gress, D. D. Grand Sire, on the petition of eight Scarlet Degree members, at City of Mexico, Republic of Mexico.

May 6th, 1888, to C. Imfeld, P. G. M., on the petition of seven Scarlet Degree members, at Schaffhouse, Republic of Switzerland, Europe.

May 17th, 1888, to W. L. Whepley, D. D. Grand Sire, on the petition of twelve Scarlet Degree members, at Globe, Arizona.

July 19th, 1888, to H. J. Raymer, D. D. Grand Sire, on the petition of twenty-five Scarlet Degree members, at Morden, Manitoba, Canada.

TO INITIATE AND CONFER THE SUBORDINATE LODGE DEGREES.

October 4th, 1887, to G. Murdoch on the petition of seven residents of Battleford, Saskatchewan District, N. W. Territories of Canada.

By-Laws of Subordinates.

The following have been amended and approved:

America Lodge, No. 5, Havana, Cuba.

Concorde Lodge, No. 1, Havre, France.

Cyclone Lodge, No. 3, McAlister, Indian Territory.

Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 6, Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Independence Degree Lodge, No. 2, Daughters of Rebekah, McAlister, Indian Territory.

Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 1, Battleford, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Valdemar Encampment, No. 1, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Knud Lavard Encampment, No. 2, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Niels Ebbesens Encampment, No. 3, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Pushmataha Encampment, No. 2, Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Hidalgo Encampment, No. 1, City of Mexico, Mexico.

Las Vegas Encampment, No. 2, Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, Honolulu, Sandwich Islands.

Past Official, Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment Degrees.

Certificates were issued as follows:

FOR PAST OFFICIAL AND GRAND LODGE DEGREES.

Cuba—Arturo Valdes y Valdes, Juan Ramos Almeida, Lodge No. 1; Carlos Hanovega, Francisco Mesa, Lodge No. 2; Domingo Marin y Perer, Jose Antonio Carmona, Lodge No. 4; Christopher P. Madan, Florencio Reina, Lodge No. 5; Manuel Antonio Aguilera, Lodge No. 7.

Indian Territory.—Gustav Ch. Schueler, George J. Richardson, David W. Robinson, Lodge No. 5

Mexico—A. P. Crowe, H. C. Waters, D. Samuel, John W. Butler, Lodge, No. 1; Agustin Arriaga, Francisco Trejo, E. M. Rizo, Lodge No. 2.

Sandwich Islands.—Edwin Hughes, James W. Pratt, Samuel Savidge, Mark N. Kennedy, John Emmeluth, Luish Way, John J. Lecker, L. L. La Pierre, Lodge No. 1, and on the 6th of March, 1888, to Gorham D. Gilman, now residing in Boston, Mass., formerly Noble Grand of Pacific Lodge, No. 2.

FOR THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT DEGREE.

Arizona.—William Long Whepley, Nathan Albert Morford, Encampment No. 2.

Denmark.—R. A. Busse, Encampment No. 1; G. G. Lohse, Encampment No. 2; Georg Synderguard, Encampment No. 3.

Indian Territory.—David W. Robinson, Benjamin Wood, G. C. Schueler, Encampment No. 2.

Lower Provinces.—William L. Taylor, Encampment No. 13.

Sandwich Islands.—EDWIN C. ROWE, WILLIAM E. FOSTER, JOHN J. LECKER, JOHN EMMELUTH, Encampment No. 1.

Utah.—M. M. BEAVER, Encampment No. 4; W. H. TURNER, H. C. WARDLEIGH, Encampment No. 5.

Transfer of Jurisdiction.

On the petition of Veritas Lodge, No. 2, Sweden, dated November 16th, 1887, on the 12th of December, 1887, I placed the Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Denmark, the said Grand Lodge assenting to the transfer.

Duplicate Charters.

As directed at last session (Journal, 10,049, 11,003), duplicate Charters were issued to the Grand Encampment of Minnesota, and to Covenant Lodge, No. 6, Idaho, to replace the originals, which were destroyed by fire.

District Deputy Grand Sires for the Year 1888.

1. Alberta, Canada—GEORGE MURDOCH, P. G.....Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
2. Arizona—W. L WHEPLEY, P. G. M.....Phœnix, Arizona.
3. Assiniboia, Canada—JOHN P. YOUNG, P. G. M.....Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, Canada.
4. British Columbia, Canada—RICHARD ROBERTS, P. G. M.....Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.
5. Chile, S. America—CARLOS J. HOLM, G. Treasurer.....P. O. Box. 566, Valparaiso, Chile, South America.
6. Cuba—JOSE ANTONIO LOPEZ, P. G.....Maloja 29, Havana, Cuba.
7. Denmark, Europe—J. HANSEN, P. G. Sec....Gl. Strand 44³, Copenhagen, Denmark, Europe.
8. France, Europe—L. LEFEBVRE, P. G.....99 Rue du Lycée, Havre, France, Europe.
9. Idaho—MONTIE B. GWINN, P. G. M. .....Caldwell, Idaho
10. Indian Territory—ROBERT W. CHURCH, P. G...Lehigh, Indian Territory.
11. Lower Prov., B. N. A.—ANDRE CUSHING, P. G. M.....St. John, New Brunswick, Canada.
12. Manitoba, Canada—H. J. RAYMER, P. G., P. C. P.....P. O. Box 604, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.
13. Mexico—W. J. DE GRESS, P. G. Rep.....Calle Industria No. 12, Apartado 322, City of Mexico, Mexico.
14. Netherlands, Europe—J. HEN, P. G.....Plantage Doklaan 5, Amsterdam, Holland, Europe.
15. New Mexico—A. C. SLOAN, G. M.....Las Vegas, New Mexico.
16. Peru, S. America—F. L. CROSBY, P. G, P. C. P.....Calle de Carabaya, (Bodegones) No. 67, Lima, Peru, South America.
17. Quebec, Canada—HENRY A. JACKSON, P. G. Rep.....162 St. James St., Montreal, Canada.
18. Sandwich Islands—W. E. FOSTER, P. D. D. G. S.....Honolulu, Sandwich Islands.
19. Saskatchewan, Canada — HARTLEY GISBORNE, N. G.....Battleford, Saskatchewan, Canada.
20. South Carolina—ROBERT C. STARR, P. G. Scribe.....Charleston.
21. Sweden, Europe—ANDREAS HOLCK, P. G. M.....Sophievej 5, Copenhagen, V, Denmark, Europe.
22. Switzerland, Europe—C. IMFELD, P. G. M.....Luzern, Switzerland, Europe.
23. Utah—F. H. AUERBACH, P. G. M.....Salt Lake City, Utah.

Lotteries and Gift Enterprises.

Complaints have been received that the law in reference to lotteries and gift enterprises was being violated by at least two Lodges, and the country was flooded with circulars, accompanied with tickets, appealing to the membership to forward their money. I immediately notified the Grand Masters of the jurisdiction whence these circulars emanated, of the violation of law on the part of their Subordinates. Responses were received that the matter would receive proper attention. From one case, that of a Maryland Lodge, I have received no further advices, and it is presumed that the Lodge loyally obeyed the mandate of its Grand Officer. In another case, that of Longton Lodge, No. 242, Kansas, the order of the Grand Master was not only not complied with, but the offense was reiterated. The circular issued by this Lodge, in conjunction with a Lodge of the A. O U. W., gave a list of presents claimed to be worth $4,300, and over $700 cash gifts, and had upon it a number of the emblems of the Order. After the mandate of the Grand Master was received, there was stamped upon the circular these words, "Lodge No. 242, I. O. O. F., withdrawn by request of our Grand Master. The Entertainment Committee will work with the Workmen, and the proceeds will yet be used in building a hall for the Orders. We earnestly request you to aid us in this enterprise."

After this time the circulars were distributed with this indorsement stamped upon them. Such conduct is extremely reprehensible, and although the object was a worthy one, the means of attainment were illegal, and tend to bring the Order into disrepute.

Anniversary Proclamation.

The usual Anniversary Proclamation, of which the following is a copy, was issued in due time, and from the information received I am led to believe that the observance of the day was much more general than ever before, another index that the Order is in a healthy and prosperous condition:

1819. ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION. 1888.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE.

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

In accordance with the time-honored custom and usage of our Order, and by authority of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, I, JOHN H. WHITE, Grand Sire, do hereby recommend all Grand and Subordinate Bodies, under this jurisdiction, to set apart and dedicate the 26th day of April, 1888, the Sixty-ninth Anniversary of our Order, to appropriate exercises and to thanksgiving and praise to the Giver of all Good for the many blessings showered upon the Order and its membership, individually and collectively.

Done at the city of Columbus, State of Ohio, U. S. A., this the fifteenth day of February, 1888, and of our Order the sixty-ninth year.

[SEAL.] JNO. H. WHITE, *Grand Sire.*

Attest: THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary.*

Deaths.

The reaper Death has been unusually busy in our midst during the past year. Many, very many, of the brightest intellects which have ever adorned our Order have fallen by the wayside. Many, very many, of those with whom I have been associated in this Grand Lodge for years have gone to their rest. They labored faithfully and well to advance the cause of Odd Fellowship, which is the cause of humanity, and by their devotion and self-sacrifice to its interests, they have endeared themselves to all those with whom they were associated. Among the many whom I sincerely loved, none has a stronger place in my affections than the venerated JOHN W. STOKES. His quiet, unobtrusive

manners, his strict integrity, his unselfish and ready surrender of a previously formed opinion, when convinced of his error, were some of his peculiar characteristics. But for the fact that he once stood at the head of the Order, this special notice might seem invidious. Others there were, equally unselfish, equally devoted, but the list is too long for special mention. The counsels of very many of these will long be missed in our assemblages. As with sorrowful hearts we glance over this list of the worthy dead, we can but experience great consolation in the discovery that most of them lived to a good old age, evidence of virtuous and well-spent lives. We knew their worth, we revere their memory, and we rejoice in the knowledge that they lived the lives of the good and died the death of the righteous.

Memorial Day Proclamation.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE.

To whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Pursuant to instructions contained in the resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, adopted at its annual session, held at Boston, September, 1886 (Journal, 10,517), I, JOHN H. WHITE, Grand Sire, do hereby request all Subordinate Lodges under our jurisdiction to assemble at their respective Lodge-rooms on the 20th day of October, 1888, the anniversary of the death of THOMAS WILDEY, Past Grand Sire, and engage in appropriate memorial exercises respecting their deceased members; such exercises to be conducted in a manner appropriate to the occasion. Should a different day be more convenient, any Lodge is permitted to hold such services on any day such Lodge may select.

Information of the death of the following has been received since the preparation of the last memorial proclamation:

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	RANK.	JURISDICTION.	AGE.
Nov. 12th, 1886...	John B. Nealley.....	P. G. Rep....	Maine.....	77
April 10th, 1887...	H. J. Canniff.....	P. G. Rep....	Kansas.....	.....
Sept. 12th, 1887...	H. D. McCarty.....	P. G. Rep....	"	.....
July 1st, 1887...	Robt. B. McDonnell.....	P. G. Rep....	Delaware	82
Nov. 18th, 1887...	Edward McIntire.....	P. G. Rep...	"	72
Feb. 4th, 1887...	Gaylord L. More.....	P. G. Rep....	"	76
Mar. 6th, 1888...	Henry Eckel.....	P. G. Rep....	"	71
June 30th, 1887...	Alfred Hall Ransom.....	P. G. Rep....	Kentucky.....	62
Aug. 10th, 1888...	Charles Wolford.....	P. G. Rep....	"	78
Sept. 11th, 1887...	Caleb Rand.....	P. G. Rep....	Massachusetts...	70
July 25th, 1887...	Monroe Sheire.....	P. G. Rep....	Minnesota.....	53
Sept. 19th, 1887...	Josiah Marvin.....	P. G. Rep....	"	69
Nov. 28th, 1887...	Alexander Wilson.....	P. G. Rep....	"	74
Feb. 1st, 1888...	Charles Hoag.....	P. G. Rep....	"	79
Sept. 29th, 1887...	William L. Smith	P. G. Rep....	North Carolina..	66
May 21st, 1887...	E. L. Bristow.....	P. G. Rep....	Oregon	55
Aug. 1st, 1887...	James A. Haynie.....	P. G. Rep....	Texas.....	74
Mar. 14th, 1888...	J. Y. Dashiel.....	P. G. Rep....	"	.....
Nov. 3d, 1887...	David Oliver Adkison....	P. G. Rep....	Nevada	65
June 18th, 1888...	William A. Shields.....	G. Rep.....	Alabama	58
Jan. 28th, 1888...	Horace Y. Beebe.....	P. G. Rep ...	Ohio.....	71
Dec. 6th, 1887...	Wm. Sullivan Johnson ...	G. Rep.....	Rhode Island...	61
June 27th, 1887...	George W. Woodward....	P. G. Rep....	Illinois	.....
June 12th, 1887...	James Thorrington	P. G. Rep....	Iowa.....	71
Sept. 12th, 1887...	Josiah H. Bonney.....	P. G. Rep....	"	70
Jan. 4th, 1887...	Martin Heisey.....	P. G. Rep ...	"	72

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	RANK.	JURISDICTION.	AGE.
Nov. 15th, 1887...	William Lacy	P. G. Rep....	New York.....	80
Feb. 18th, 1888...	Daniel P. Barnard.....	P. G. Rep....	"	76
May 1st, 1888...	John F. Van Nort.....	P. G. Rep....	"	68
Aug. 6th, 1888 ..	William L. Wemmell.....	P. G. Rep....	"	.....
July 27th, 1887...	Gerard B. Allen.....	P. G. Rep....	Missouri	77
Nov. 9th, 1887...	William H. Graves.....	P. G. Rep....	"	47
June 24th, 1888...	George L. Reed.....	P. G. Rep....	Maine.....	38
Feb. 5th, 1888...	Thomas Underwood.....	P. G. Rep....	Indiana	60
Mar. 21st, 1888...	David W. La Follette	P. G. Rep....	"	62
Oct. ....., 1887...	Robert Moser.....	D D. G. Sire.	Chile	.....
Nov. 3d, 1887...	William Stirling.....	P. G. Sire....	Australasia	.....
Jan. 8th, 1888...	Hugh Ross.....	G. Sec.....	"	.....
Jan. 5th, 1888...	George D Lamos.....	P. G. Rep....	New Hampshire	55
Jan. 9th, 1888..	Dayton B. Whittaker.....	P. G. Rep ...	New Jersey.....	73
Aug. 14th, 1888...	Samuel Read.....	P. G. Rep....	"	74
Feb. 7th, 1888...	John W. Stokes.....	P. G. Sire....	Pennsylvania...	74
Feb. 3d, 1888...	Ebenezer B. White.....	P. G. Rep....	Rhode Island...	83
Mar. 27th, 1888...	George H. Bigelow.....	P. G. Rep....	Vermont.....	50
April 1st, 1888...	Leonard Kellogg Barber..	P. G. Rep....	Mississippi	71
July 15th, 1888...	E. K. Woodward.....	P. G. Rep....	Missouri	.....
July 31st, 1888...	Samuel W. Mallory..	P. G. Rep....	Arkansas.....	.....
Mar. 22d, 1887...	George W. Griggs.....	P. G. Rep....	Michigan.....	.....
July 9th, 1887...	William Oakes.....	P. G. Rep....	"	.....
Feb. 6th, 1888...	Walter J. Baxter.....	P. G. Rep....	"	.....
Nov. 3d, 1887...	Bernhard Fleck.....	G. Treas.....	Germany	.....

Done at the city of Columbus, in the State of Ohio, U. S. A., this twentieth day of August, 1888, and of our Order the seventieth year.

[SEAL.] JNO. H. WHITE, *Grand Sire.*

Attest: THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary.*

Commission to Investigate.

Learning that the Rev. THOMAS MORONG, a Past Grand of the Jurisdiction of Massachusetts, was about to visit South America, and believing that correct information as to the condition of the Order in the Spanish-speaking countries in this hemisphere would be of great service to the head of the Order in the discharge of his duties in connection with the Lodges situated therein, I issued to him an authorization to investigate their condition and report to the Grand Sire. I ascertained by inquiry of Brothers of his jurisdiction, that he was a careful, prudent, discreet and zealous Odd Fellow, and hence had no hesitation in entrusting him with the commission, which is as follows:

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,
Albion, New York, June 18th, 1888.

To whom it may concern:

Having full confidence in the ability, zeal and discretion of the Rev. THOMAS MORONG, Past Grand of the Jurisdiction of Massachusetts, I, JOHN H. WHITE, Grand Sire, do hereby authorize and empower him to investigate the condition and prospects of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the Central and South American Republics, and request him to report thereon at his earliest convenience, and from time to time, all such matters as he may deem of im-

portance or of interest to the Order. I commend the worthy Brother to the fraternal care and fellowship of the members whom he may meet, wherever they may be.

Fraternally,

JNO. H. WHITE, *Grand Sire.*

Homes, Temples, Etc.

For the purpose of obtaining information as to the Homes, Temples, Halls, etc., which had been erected or commenced during my administration, I issued a circular requesting information on the subject, but the responses have not been at all satisfactory, from the fact that less than half of the jurisdictions have responded at all. In justice to those who have complied with the request, the substance of the replies is collated below. Doubtless one reason why more have not been received, is from the shortness of the time given, and the difficulty of collecting statistics.

COLORADO.—Union Lodge, No. 1, of Denver, has just completed a magnificent hall of brick and stone, entirely owned by it. Cost of lot, $25,000; buildings, $45,000. Total, $70,000.

DAKOTA.—James River Lodge, No. 32, Huron, dedicated, in 1887, a three-story brick hall, which cost them $16,000. They have also purchased a cemetery for $1,200, spent as much more in improvements, and which is now valued at $5,000.

ILLINOIS.—Jerseyville Lodge, No. 531, has built a three-story brick hall, at a cost of about $11,000. Grand Secretary HUDDLE writes that at least twenty have been built within two years, costing at least $100,000, one of which was by Remembrance Lodge, No. 77, at Bloomington, and one at Galesburg, costing together not less than $50,000.

INDIANA.—In this jurisdiction I have information of the following: At Cicero, a two-story brick building, costing $4,000; at Washington, a three-story brick, costing $12,000; at Wilkinson, a two-story frame, costing $2,000; at Aurora, a three story brick, costing $18,000.

Steps were taken at the last session of the Grand Lodge to erect an Odd Fellows' Home. The Order in Huntington has made arrangements to erect a temple, in 1889, at a cost of $25,000.

IOWA.—The Order in Burlington has just completed a temple, the land costing $15,000; building, $37,000. Total, $52,000.

LOUISIANA.—De Soto Lodge, No. 7, a brick hall, costing $8,000.

MAINE.—The Subordinates report the total amount of Lodge property (real estate) owned by them to be $118,567.70. No statement is made as to when purchased or acquired.

MANITOBA.—Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, Winnipeg, hall and land cost $38,000. Land, $15,000; building, $23,000.

MONTANA.—A temple was erected in Helena, at a cost of $40,000.

MISSOURI.—Perhaps the most magnificent Odd Fellows' Temple in the world is nearly completed in St. Louis, centrally located; land value, $325,000; cost of building, $450,000. Total, $775,000.

MINNESOTA.—Sends statistics of her Lodge property, without designating when built, as follows: St. Paul Lodge, No. 2, at St. Paul, $100,000; Preston Lodge, No. 11, at Preston, $1,500; Rochester Lodge, No. 13, at Rochester, $15,000; Mankato Lodge, No. 15, at Mankato, $15,000; Teutonia Lodge, No. 19, at Wabasha, $5,000; Humboldt Lodge, No. 24, at Winona, $30,000; Brownsville Lodge, No. 42, at Brownsville, $1,200; Eyota Lodge, No. 47, at Eyota, $1,000; Anchor Lodge, No. 88, at Minneapolis, $50,000; 120 other Lodges, aggregate value of property, $30,000. Total, $248,700.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—This energetic jurisdiction, in 1887, purchased about thirteen acres of ground in the city of Concord, known as the Franklin Pierce place, the cost of which, with a grove adjoining, since purchased, was about $14,500, all paid for. I had the pleasure of assisting in the dedication of this

beautiful home on June 16th of that year. It is a model institution. It looks like a *home* and not an asylum or hospital, and has now eight inmates, who are contented and happy. An effort is being made to raise a permanent fund for investment, of $50,000, and about $17,000 have been subscribed and pledged, of which about $8,000 have been paid in.

NEW JERSEY.—This jurisdiction has purchased nine acres of land, with large, convenient and commodious frame buildings, near Trenton, at a cost of $8,500, for an Odd Fellows' Home, and have paid thereon $4,500.

NEW MEXICO.—Las Vegas Lodge, No. 4, purchased a two-story brick store, costing $5,250; owe about $2,500, which this live Lodge will soon pay.

NEW YORK.—The German Lodges of this State purchased in October, 1886, seven acres of land with fine buildings, at a cost of $15,000. They have spent in improvements, $7,807.51, and in furniture, $3,253.62; total, $26,061.13, and paid every dollar of it, and have besides this a permanent fund invested of $6,000, with several hundred dollars in the treasury.

OHIO.—This truly magnificent jurisdiction sends the following:

"Toledo building, owned by the Order, $42,000; Doylestown building, $12,000; Canton building, $25,000; Fountain City Lodge, No. 314, at Bryan, $2,000; Oak Harbor Lodge, No. 735, at Oak Harbor, $2,000; Amazon Lodge, No. 569, at Cleveland, $1,000; Covington Lodge, No. 383, at Covington, $1,500; Somerset Lodge, No. 352, at Somerset, $1,600; Clavington Lodge, No. 525, at Clavington, $1,000; Lebanon Lodge, No. 15, building complete, $15,000; Clinton Lodge, No. 92, brick building, halls, etc., $10,000. Lodge-rooms have also been dedicated at Lower Salem, Barnesville, Fletcher, Lindsay and Ostrander, at a cash aggregate of at least $10,000; making a grand total of $135,100 invested in homes for Lodges within the past two years."

TEXAS.—Orphans' Home, purchased in 1884, consisting of a farm and buildings, valued at $30,000.

VIRGINIA.—Atlantic Lodge, No. 51, has erected a hall near Norfolk, costing $3,200.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Steps have been taken to establish a home in this State, and there has been subscribed toward the same over $30,000, over $10,000 of which has been paid to the trustees. The following halls are owned, but no information as to when acquired has been received: At Natick, land value, $4,500; building, $20,000; furnishing, $3,100; total, $47,600. Hanover, building and furnishing, $7,500. Highland Lodge, No. 6, Lowell, owns two buildings adjoining each other, one built in 1881, cost, $6,000, the other completed in 1887, cost, with land, $15,000. New Bedford.—The Order in this town has purchased a lot costing $41,000, and a hall will be erected thereon in the spring of 1889; cost, complete, $100,000.

PENNSYLVANIA.—One of the finest institutions of the kind belonging to the Order is the Home for Orphans of Odd Fellows, in Philadelphia. This home has been in successful operation for several years, and has a property valued at $32,763.15.

CALIFORNIA.—The Order in Fresno have started a hall to cost $25,000, and to be completed this year. In Redding, Shasta county, a hall has been commenced, and is to be completed October 1st, at a cost of $15,000. San Jose completed a hall in 1885, at a cost of, for the lot, $9,831.75, and building, $34,366.82; total, $44,198.57. St. Helena built a hall in 1885, at a cost of $20,000. Yuba.—The Order here has started a hall to cost $12,000.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, at Chilliwhack, own a cemetery lot, which cost, with improvements, $629. The value of assets throughout the jurisdiction exceeds $80,000. Victoria Lodge, No. 1, has paid to four of its members about $11,000 since 1875. New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, at New Westminster, owns jointly with the Masons, each owning a half interest, a lot and building, the cost of which was, for the lot, $3,875; building, $17,500; total, $21,375. Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, Nanaimo, hall and improvements, $500.

Nothing conduces more to the healthy growth and permanent prosperity of

a Lodge than ownership of a piece of real estate. When once a Lodge has acquired a home of its own, and in which it of consequence takes pride, there is an air of permanence about it which attracts to it outsiders, and it conveys the idea that the institution is of the stable kind. My advice, therefore, is to all Lodges, buy land and build you a home.

Odd Fellows' Employment Bureaus.

Quite a large number of these institutions have sprung up within the last few years, and as connected with the Order do great good and furnish employment to a large number of worthy Brothers, who would otherwise be without work. I have information of them in St. Louis, Chicago, Buffalo, Rochester, New York and Brooklyn, and doubtless there are many others in other cities.

Grand Visitations.

In justice to myself and family, it was not in my power to spend the amount of time in visitations that was spent last year. This was much to be regretted, as the Brethren everywhere are anxious to receive and entertain the supreme head of the Order, not from personal considerations so much as to show respect to their Grand Sire, and to see what manner of men their Representatives elect to that exalted position. At the close of the session of this Grand Lodge at Denver last year, the Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire, accompanied by a portion of the families of each, and by Past Grand Sires NICHOLSON and STOKES, and other Brethren and friends, paid a visit to the Pacific slope. At all parts of the route we were met by the Brethren with outstretched arms, all eager to pay their respects to their official head and the distinguished Brethren who accompanied him. At Las Vegas and Albuquerque, New Mexico, at Los Angeles, Pasadena and San Francisco, the party was warmly received and right royally entertained. Courtesies were also tendered by the Brethren of San Bernardino and San Diego, which, for want of time and other engagements, we were compelled reluctantly to decline. The visit will long be remembered by those who participated in it. On the 26th of April I attended the celebration at Brockport, New York, where the Order turned out in large numbers and a splendid parade was had, with Grand Canton John W. Stebbins in line. In the evening my own Lodge celebrated, and I was present and took part in the exercises. May 21st, 1888, I visited Protection Lodge, No. 28, New Jersey, at Newark, and had a very interesting time. The Lodge-room was packed with the best and most influential members in that city. The Brothers paid every attention to their Grand Sire that he could ask, and for which he was duly thankful. I also attended the anniversary celebration of Genesee Lodge, No. 3, New York, June 1st, 1888, at the temple owned by the Order, in the city of Rochester, and it was a very enjoyable season. July 21st, 1888, I attended the grand parade of the Patriarchs Militant, at Cincinnati, Ohio, and the week was given up to a round of drills, parades and entertainments. An adjourned session of the Grand Lodge of Ohio was held during the week, at which the Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire were, by invitation, present. The drill and exhibition were a success, and reflected great credit on those engaged in them.

Foreign Jurisdictions.

AUSTRALASIA.—Bro. J. C. SMITH, Grand Secretary, has communicated with the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge by nearly every steamer. His last letter, dated July 10th, received August 11th, states: "Victoria is still on a wave of prosperity, but, I am sorry to say, the Order in the other Colonies is not increasing. Bro. MICHAEL KIDSTON, Past Grand Sire, who we hoped would have been able to attend this year's session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, is obliged to postpone his trip until next year." From the statistics furnished with the letter, the membership in Australasia, December 31st, 1887, was 16,507, an increase of 1,337 during the year. Bro. SMITH hoped to send

the petition for an amended Charter in time for action at the present session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. The jurisdiction has suffered a severe affliction, having lost by death Bro. WILLIAM STERLING, Past Grand Sire (drowned November 3d, 1887), and Bro. HUGH ROSS, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, who died January 8th, 1888.

CHILE.—Bro. THOMAS J. GONZALES, Grand Master, in letter dated October 1st, 1887, wrote: "I have the painful announcement to make to you of the lamented death of District Deputy Grand Sire ROBERT MOSER, who was buried with the honors of the Order." Bro. CARLOS J. HOLM, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Chile, was appointed to fill the vacancy. A letter from the Grand Master, dated January 5th, 1888, says: "I have transferred the superintendence of the Order to our remaining Grand Officer, Grand Warden GANTER, and retire, exhausted from the struggle." On the 27th of January, Bro. HOLM wrote: "Valparaiso Lodge, No. 1, Pacific, No. 2, and Concepcion, No. 11, are the only working Lodges in Chile at present. I have not been able to get the keys from Bro. LEIGHTON, former Grand Secretary, in order to make an inventory of the stock in the office of the Grand Lodge of Chile. The funds, $252.00 Chilian currency, are in my hands." From the above it seems evident that the Charter of the Grand Lodge of Chile was surrendered to District Deputy Grand Sire HOLM.

CUBA.—There seems to have been a good deal of friction in this jurisdiction the past year. Complaints have been repeatedly made by the District Deputy Grand Sire as to the conduct of certain Lodges in the Island.

While the returns from 6 of the 7 Lodges in this jurisdiction show a membership of 371, a gain of 42, the correspondence shows that the Order is not prosperous.

My own impression has been that the best way out of the difficulties was to form a Grand Lodge in that jurisdiction and let them work out their own salvation in their own way. I am satisfied that it was a mistake to place the two Lodges, Cuba, No. 3, and Regla, No. 6, under the jurisdiction of Florida, and I freely acknowledge the mistake to be mine. That jurisdiction has, however, relieved the case of any difficulty by refusing to entertain jurisdiction of them.

Under this state of circumstances, I issued the following order, which has been served by the District Deputy Grand Sire as therein ordered. It is for the Grand Lodge, in its wisdom, to determine what is best to be done in regard to the matter. In connection with this subject, I can but acknowledge the zeal and energy of District Deputy Grand Sire LOPEZ.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,
Albion, New York, June 18th, 1888.

To whom it may concern:

The Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction of Florida having refused to accept the care and control of Cuba Lodge, No. 3, and Regla Lodge, No. 6, located in the Island of Cuba, as requested by said Lodges, with the consent of the Grand Sire, which request was sanctioned by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, therefore the said Lodges are hereby declared to be under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the said Lodges are required to transmit to the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge the reports required by law, accompanied by whatever amount may be due to the said Grand Lodge. The District Deputy Grand Sire of the Island of Cuba will see that a copy of this order is delivered to each of said Lodges.

JNO. H. WHITE, *Grand Sire.*

The correspondence is submitted herewith.

DENMARK.—For some reason, Bro. J. H. HANSEN, the District Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, has not forwarded the reports of the four Encampments and the Grand Lodge of Denmark, for the year 1887, and no special

information as to the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction can be presented. Bro. A. HOLCK, Grand Master and District Deputy Grand Sire for Sweden, in letter dated January 11th, said: "We are moving along, of course not so rapidly as in earlier days, but that is not strange."

FRANCE.—Concorde Lodge, No. 1, reported 75 members December 31st, 1887, and recently a Charter was issued for Fraternité Lodge, No. 2. Unexpected obstacles prevented the anticipated progress, but the Brethren are not discouraged, and say the delay is only temporary.

GERMANY.—Though without special advice or statistics, we are informed that the Order is in good condition and steadily progressing. It was expected to soon institute a Lodge at Hamburg. The death of the Grand Treasurer, Bro. BERNHARD FLECK, which occurred November 3d, 1887, was deplored throughout the Empire. He entered the Grand Lodge of the German Empire in 1877, was elected Grand Treasurer at the same session, and held the office until his death.

MEXICO.—Although there was a loss of 8 in the aggregate membership of the two Lodges, in 1887, the Order is in good condition. Hidalgo Encampment, No. 1, was instituted June 18th, 1888, and Bro. W. J. DE GRESS, District Deputy Grand Sire, has hopes of organizing a Lodge at Zacatecas very soon.

NETHERLANDS.—The two Lodges report an aggregate membership of 112, a gain of 10. Recently a Charter was issued for Prins Hendrik Lodge, No. 3, at Zutphen. Bro. J. HEN, District Deputy Grand Sire, writes encouragingly of the prospects for extending the Order throughout the Kingdom.

PERU.—The membership December 31st, 1887, was the same as December 31st, 1886. Bro. F. L. CROSBY, District Deputy Grand Sire, has used all means in his power to maintain the Lodges, and has succeeded in preventing a loss. The Encampment failed to report; but in letter of June 20th, Bro. CROSBY said: "The Encampment is now at work, and officers have been elected."

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—There has been no change in the aggregate membership of the two Lodges, they having, respectively, 107 and 65 members. The Encampment reported 39, a loss of 3 members. Pacific Degree Lodge, No 1, Daughters of Rebekah, was instituted March 26th, 1888. Bro. W. E. FOSTER, District Deputy Grand Sire, in a recent letter, said: "The financial condition of the Order is good, though there are few additions to the membership."

SWEDEN.—Veritas Lodge, No. 2, was instituted November 4th, 1887, and February 9th, 1888, a Charter was issued for Amicitia Lodge, No. 3, at Malmo. The institution was delayed, but Bro. A. HOLCK, District Deputy Grand Sire, on the 27th of June, stated that the institution would take place August 1st.

SWITZERLAND.—A slight improvement in the condition of the Order in this country is indicated by the returns, which exhibit an increase of 10 in the membership. Eidgenossen Encampment, No. 1, at Zurich, was instituted May 6th, 1888, and it is believed will be maintained. Bro. C. IMFELD was appointed District Deputy Grand Sire, *vice* Bro. R. WEBER, resigned.

Magnitude of Our Order.

Very few of us appreciate the importance and magnitude of the Order to which we belong. Take the two great Odd Fellow organizations, the Manchester Unity and the American Order, together, and we find that there are more Odd Fellows in the world by far than there are members of any other secret fraternal organization.

The oldest and greatest of these, according to their own authority, and it is a truly noble institution, numbers, from the best estimates that can be made, 1,082,992, while the Odd Fellows number, according to the last actual returns accessible, as follows: Adult male Odd Fellows belonging to the American Order, January 1st, 1888, Sovereign Grand Lodge, 555,722; Grand Lodge of Australasia, latest returns, 16,507; Grand Lodge of the German Empire, 1,833; total American Order, 574,062. Manchester Unity, 627,594; grand

total, 1,201,656, or 118,664 more than the oldest and most numerous of the secret fraternal organizations. In addition to this, we must not forget that there are 40,426 Daughters of Rebekah, who are engaged with us in striving to ameliorate the condition of suffering humanity. This is truly a proud position to occupy, especially as the Order has been built up in the comparatively short period of about seventy years.

Suggested Legislation.

The experience of the last two years in the office of Grand Sire, taken in connection with my former service on the floor of the Grand Lodge, has convinced me that the good of the Order requires some changes in our laws. While I have no sympathy with that class of minds who are constantly quoting those unfortunate words of the venerated RIDGELY, "The institution of Odd Fellowship is progressive in its character"—words designed simply to inform the novitiate that there exists a regular gradation in the work of the Order, and that he can only attain the full measure of the institution progressively, step by step—as an excuse for the advocacy of every wild, Utopian scheme which they may deem of benefit to the Order, I have as little sympathy with that other class of do-nothings who constantly and stubbornly oppose any and all change as innovations harmful to the interests of the great Brotherhood. I am satisfied that as civilization is extended over the world, and the field of our labor becomes enlarged, changes are essential to our well-being, and that if we would not be left behind in the race for precedence we must keep step to the music of the nineteenth century. Toleration is a cardinal principle of our Order, and it and no other Order can extend so as to include the whole habitable globe so long as it is based upon the opinions, the feelings or the prejudices of any small section of God's great universe. To be successful it must be in the highest degree cosmopolitan.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

I again renew my suggestions of last year in reference to the admission of young men over eighteen years of age. Several communications on this subject have been received from different parts of the jurisdiction, and further reflection has not changed my opinion on the subject. The sons of Odd Fellows are being initiated into the Ancient Order of Foresters because they can do so under age, when they would otherwise become members of our Order. If our mission is to "improve and elevate the character of man," no time can be so propitious as before that character has become fixed by long years of intercourse with the world and before the cares and responsibilities of life are thrown upon the rising generation. I have no recommendation to make as to another mooted question, that of

COLOR.

It may be well, however, to have this subject in mind, and see whether, in the not distant future, the door may not be partially opened to admit "educated civilized gentlemen," who may have in their veins some particle of Indian blood. Many such exist in the west and northwest parts of North America. The door was indeed partially opened at one time. Half and quarter-blood Indian wives of Odd Fellows were admitted to membership in our Rebekah Degree Lodges, but if perchance those wives had borne offspring, such children, though sons of Odd Fellows, could not have been admitted to the Lodges of their fathers, by reason of their having in their veins a quarter or an eighth Indian blood, nor could their daughter have been admitted, for the same reason, until after she had married an Odd Fellow.

DEGREE OF REBEKAH.

The legislation of the Grand Lodge on this subject has been somewhat vacillating, and its present condition is somewhat anomalous. We have, in fact, two

kinds of Rebekah Degrees, one for the use of the Subordinate Lodge and the other for the Rebekah Degree Lodges. This, it seems to me, should not be. In 1879, Subordinate Lodges were authorized to confer the degree upon all persons qualified to receive it, when, prior to that time, they could confer it upon certain classes of persons only. (Journal, 8089.) At the same session the committee reported four resolutions (page 8166), the third of which prohibited Rebekah Lodges from conferring the degree on any person except those applying for membership therein. An amendment proposed by Past Grand Sire NICHOLSON was adopted, adding to the *second* resolution the words "unless the Rebekah Degree Lodges shall otherwise provide," (page 8182.) Perhaps it was intended to amend the *third* resolution. As it is, it gives the Rebekah Lodges power to curtail the use of the Annual Pass Word by Subordinates, or attempts so to do. At all events, it is decidedly mixed.

In 1882 (Journal, 9058), Rebekah Lodges were authorized to confer the degree on Subordinate Lodge members without making them members of the Degree Lodge, or entitling them to any privileges in such Lodges.

In 1886 the new Rebekah Ritual was adopted for the use of Rebekah Lodges only, thus giving two different Rituals. This new Ritual Degree cannot be conferred in Subordinates open in the Rebekah Degree, (1887, Journal, 10,713,) and no Subordinate member not a member of a Rebekah Lodge, can visit such Lodge or even witness the degree, except at the time he may have received it in the Rebekah Lodge. Take this in connection with the fact that an Odd Fellow and his half-breed Indian wife may be members of a Rebekah Lodge, and their sons and daughters cannot join their parents in such a Lodge, it shows that there is need of amendment. A remedy for some of these inconsistencies is, in my judgment, to do what the Grand Lodge has several times refused to do—take away from the Subordinate Lodges the right to confer the degree, confine the right to Rebekah Lodges alone, and prohibit them from conferring it except on those who are elected to membership therein. This will, of course, necessitate the repeal of the law requiring elective officers of Subordinate Lodges to be in possession of the degree. It seems to me there can be no legal objection to this course. It is a mere side degree, an honorary degree, at least as to members of Subordinate Lodges not members of Rebekah Lodges, and can be repealed, restricted, altered or amended at the option of the Grand Lodge. There is no reason why it should be conferred in Subordinates since the establishment of Rebekah Lodges. It does not benefit the recipients who are not members of such Lodges. As well might this Grand Lodge establish honorary Encampment degrees and authorize Subordinate Lodges to use the old Encampment Rituals, as to retain these honorary Rebekah degrees conferred by Subordinate Lodges. This would be just as sensible as to retain the present status of the law on this subject. I therefore recommend an amendment in accordance with the above-suggested remedy.

RELIEF OF STATE GRAND OFFICERS.

Two cases have occurred during my administration where the superior Grand Officers of State jurisdictions have been members of refractory Subordinates under their charge, and their action has been very much hampered by the knowledge of the fact that if they suspended these Subordinates they would be suspended with them, and thus cut off their own official heads by the act of disciplining such Subordinates. The wisdom of the Grand Lodge is doubtless sufficient to remedy this defect.

SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT FUND.

My attention has repeatedly been called to the necessity of providing some means whereby Subordinate Lodges may provide a fund to be expended in celebrations, entertainments, balls and the like, allowed by the laws of the Order. It is urged, with reason, that if such entertainments are to be held

under the auspices of Subordinates and funds are required, the only legal way in most cases is to call upon members for voluntary contributions, and that, as an almost universal rule in such cases, a few zealous, liberal members of a given Lodge have the privilege of bearing almost the entire burden of the entertainment. Again, it is within the knowledge of very many of the members of this Grand Lodge that the instances are numerous where Lodges have violated the law in this respect by voting funds out of their treasury to pay expenses incurred in various celebrations instituted by them. The general sentiment sanctions such expenditures, and it seems to be our plain duty to put things in such a shape that Lodges will not be tempted or compelled to act contrary to the law in order to gratify a general desire on the part of their members for some kind of a performance for the gratification and amusement of themselves, their wives and children. Entertainment and amusement we must have, or we cannot bear the burdens of life as becomes rational beings. In this line, I suggest whether a law might not be passed authorizing Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions, by general law, to permit their Subordinates to set aside not to exceed, say, ten per cent. of their future dues as a special fund, to be expended by such Subordinates, in their discretion, in any celebration or entertainment permitted by their Grand Body and not prohibited by the laws of this Grand Lodge. In my judgment, the times require that some relief should be afforded our various organizations in this regard.

GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATION.

One of the most important subjects which can possibly be brought before us is the question of Grand Lodge representation. We now number over one hundred and sixty members, exclusive of officers, and the annual expense of our sessions is enormous, last year $28,130.80 for mileage and per diem alone. In addition to the expense, the Body is too large for the proper and careful consideration of the important business we are called on to transact. Half the number of men could do the business as correctly and much more expeditiously than the larger number, besides saving one-half of the expense. The practice of meeting in different sections of the country is, in my judgment, to be commended, though I think and thought it was unwise to meet two consecutive years almost on the confines of the representation. What is the remedy for the evils connected with this subject, for a remedy *must* be found? The Order demands it. The remedy is not in biennial sessions, certainly. It is better to retain annual sessions, even if the present representation is to be continued. In a thousand ways we see the beneficial effects of our annual gatherings. Nor is the remedy in the reduction of the mileage and per diem. This is a subject upon which I can speak disinterestedly, for my race is pretty nearly run. There is no member of the Grand Lodge of many years' standing but knows that he has received no more than enough, and many times not enough, to pay his actual expenses while from home, saying nothing of loss of time. So far as the present Grand Sire is concerned, he would be thousands of dollars better off to-day in worldly goods had he never seen the inside of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, though he has no regrets, but deems himself paid a thousand fold from the fact of having been there. Pardon this digression. The only other remedy which suggests itself is the reduction of the representation in Grand Lodge. This can only be done here, in and by the Grand Lodge itself. Is there patriotism enough in the Grand Lodge to do this? Have we the courage and fortitude to vote to reduce the power of our particular constituency before we are driven to do it by the demands of an outraged Brotherhood? No change can be made without some jurisdictions are raised in the scale and others lowered; the power of some will be increased and others diminished. I hope and trust that there is virtue enough in this truly great Body to rise above self-interest, and take hold of this work with an earnest desire and determination to remedy the existing state of things in a proper and

acceptable manner, and to that end I suggest a committee to formulate an amendment to the Constitution.

As intimately connected with, and bearing upon the questions above alluded to is another of very great importance to the Order—that of the constantly multiplying

DEGREES AND CEREMONIES

connected with the Order. It seems to me that we have enough, and that it is time to call a halt. If a member belongs to all the existing branches of our Order, including the side degrees and organizations, and does his duty in attendance upon their meetings, he has little time to devote to his family or to the amenities of social life, especially if he be a business man. The great public has demands upon every citizen, which cannot be shirked or avoided without injury to himself and his family. Besides this, the increasing expense is alarming. Our Order being composed mostly of men whose daily bread depends upon their labor, either in the shop, the field or the office, this question of expense is a serious one. If this state of affairs continues, and degrees and ceremonies multiply, I am convinced that ere long there will be an imperative demand for mergement of some of the branches. It seems to me the height of folly to increase the number. Let us rather turn our attention to perfecting what we already have.

I hope I may be pardoned for alluding to the subject of

REGALIA.

You will remember that at the session of 1886 a resolution was passed abolishing the use of regalia in *Grand Bodies* (Journal, 10,520), and that the Grand Sire was constrained to declare the resolution inoperative and void, upon the ground that, being a mere resolution, it could not amend a By-Law, which required a greater vote. That at the session of last year an amendment was proposed to Article XXII. of the By-Laws, abolishing the regalia in both *Grand* and *Subordinate Bodies* (Journal, 10,950), and which, after an impassioned address from Past Grand Sire STOKES in opposition, failed of receiving a majority of votes. It seems to the Grand Sire that the complaints against the present "cumbersome regalia," so often heard, have a just foundation, but it will be seen by an examination of the law that no such "cumbersome" regalia is required. The fault lies partly with the Lodges themselves, and partly with the regalia manufacturers. These latter have an interest in making the collars and sashes as large as possible, that they may contain a large amount of work, and thus increase the price to their profit. The former are at fault in not insisting on having smaller collars and sashes. There is neither beauty nor comfort in wearing, as I have heard them called, these great big "horse collars" coming down below the middle, and five or six inches broad at the bottom. A neat little collar, rich and even costly, and which is frequently seen in this Grand Lodge, is made, and answers every purpose, besides being strictly within the law. It might be well, perhaps, to substitute something in lieu of the regular regalia for use in Grand Bodies, from the fact the regalia must usually be carried from home and is liable to be forgotten, besides the annoyance occasioned in carrying it from session to session; but the Grand Sire desires to suggest whether there is a demand from the Subordinates for the abolition of the regalia used by them. No general expression has been heard on the subject, for it had not been called to their attention until the last session that there was any idea of changing it. It is not wise to be in advance of the sentiment of our constituents.

Conclusion.

Such, Representatives, is a brief account of my stewardship for the past year, the best I am able to give. The work, whether well or illy done, has been performed conscientiously and to the best of my ability. The office of Grand Sire

is truly an exalted position for *anyone* to occupy, and in the present magnitude of the Order a truly laborious one, if the duties are discharged with promptness and fidelity. Much time and research, and a large measure of patience, are requisite for the discharge of its duties in a manner at all acceptable to the incumbent of the office or to the satisfaction of the Order at large. There must be no shirking of responsibilities; decisions are to be made and orders given, which are, many times, unpleasant, and which are liable to expose one to the censure and upbraidings of those interested, however faithfully and conscientiously, or even correctly decided. The occupant is many times called upon to decide in direct opposition to the claims and opinions of his best friends, or of the most influential members of the Fraternity, and to do this, many times requires a degree of independence not possessed by every one. The good of the whole Order should be the controlling motive of every decision rendered, and should be constantly kept in mind by those upon whom the responsibility of deciding is cast. It has been no easy matter for him who now addresses you to perform his duties faithfully and without bias. Though he has made strenuous efforts to do this, he perhaps has fallen far short of coming up to the standard above referred to, and which he laid down for his guidance upon assuming the discharge of the duties of his office. It is not for him to judge of this, and he submits it to the impartial judgment of the great Order of which he is the head, to decide whether he has come short of that measure of success which ought to be expected of an ordinary mortal. Of one thing he is assured, that he can rely with undoubting confidence upon the charitable and loving consideration of every true Odd Fellow. He is certain that "no harsh judgment" will be entered against him, that the mantle of charity will be thrown over his failures, and that he will receive the due meed of praise for what has been well performed. Whether this be so or not, he gladly—yes, anxiously—lays down the responsibilities of the position, trusting that no harm has come to our noble Order or to a single one of its numerous membership through any act of his. It is a cause of congratulation to the Grand Sire that he has occupied the chair at a time when it has attained a degree of prosperity never before witnessed in its history, at a time when it is increasing in numbers, in wealth, in power and in influence, as never before, and that he leaves it the grandest Order in the universe.

From the members who have been associated with him in this Grand Lodge during his twenty-four years of continuous service, he has received naught but kindness and consideration. From the Order at large, the same kindness and attention have ever been meeted out to him, and for this he is, and always has been, truly grateful. For this you and they are entitled to and receive the unbounded gratitude and thanks of an overflowing heart, which prays for your individual and collective happiness, and that God will preserve, protect and defend the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Jno. A. White.

Grand Sire.

Albion, N. Y., September, 1888.

The Grand Sire submitted the following:

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

The necessity of completing the regular report at an early day, that it might be shipped to Los Angeles in time for the session, has left in my hands a number of matters which should be brought before the Grand Lodge, so that everything with which I have to do, to the close of my official term, may be disposed of at this session.

Petitions.

By Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, Indian Territory, for permission to remove from McAlester, in that Territory, to Krebs.

By J. P. WILSON, P. G., of the jurisdiction of Illinois, in reference to the expulsion of his Lodge at Fairbury, in that State.

By CHARLES L. RICE, of Worcester, Mass., for leave to publish and sell certain music and accompanying words, to be used in Lodges in conferring the degrees, copies of which accompany this report, were received too late to be acted upon, and are referred without decision for that, and the other reason that the Grand Sire has no power to grant the prayers of the petitioner.

Charters Issued.

Friendship Lodge, No. 8, at Krebs, Indian Territory.

By-Laws Approved.

South Canadian Lodge, No. 7, Indian Territory.

Additional Decisions.

67. The law does not permit the Rituals being taken from the Lodge-room, but if they can be bound in the Lodge-room, there can be no objection, provided the binder is a member of the Order who has the entire Work of the particular Ritual to be bound.

68. Applications for admission to an Encampment in Salt Lake City, by Brothers residing in another town twelve miles distant, were handed to the Scribe of the Encampment; but four days before the Encampment met, an Encampment was instituted at the said other town, the residence of the applicants. The Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of Utah notified the Scribe of the Encampment in Salt Lake, in writing, of the fact of the institution of the new Encampment, who notified his Encampment at its next meeting. Notwithstanding this notice, the Encampment at Salt Lake appointed committees on the applications, which committees, on the next regular meeting reported upon the applications, and the applicants were, on ballot, elected. The new Encampment protests against this action, and the matter rests there. There is no local law on the subject in Utah, the Encampments being governed by the law of Encampments working under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. On this state of facts, the applicants are eligible to admission into the new Encampment and should not be admitted to the old one. (Digest 626, 626a, 627, Journal 1887, p. 10,715. Decision No. 23, Grand Sire WHITE, and decisions therein referred to.)

Homes, Temples, Etc.

Georgia.—The Order in Savannah owns a magnificent temple, dedicated at that city April 26th, 1887, the cost of which, including lot, was $60,063.75. Franklin Lodge, No. 2, and United Brothers Lodge, No. 5, of Macon, own a building located in the business part of the city, worth $12,000. Warren Lodge, No. 20, at Griffin, own their own hall and have recently purchased a

lot adjoining and propose to erect a fine hall thereon. Value of property, $8,500. Silver City Lodge, No. 98, own their own hall and have a surplus in the treasury.

Patriarchs Militant.

The following comparative table and statement of the growth of that and the other branches of the Order is furnished by the Lieutenant-General, and is herewith submitted for your information:

COMPARATIVE TABLES EXHIBITING THE GROWTH OF PATRIARCHS MILITANT AND INCREASES AND DECREASES IN MEMBERSHIP OF LODGES AND ENCAMPMENTS, I. O. O. F., IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.
	Except British Columbia.	Except British Columbia. Sept. 24th	In States, Territories and Provinces—P. M. Departments. Sept. 1st.	In States, Territories and Provinces—P. M. Departments. Sept. 1st.	In States, Territories and Provinces—P. M. Departments. Sept. 1st.
Depart's of Patriarchs Militant.	.....	1	39	45	46
Increase in Departments.....	.....	.....	38	6	1
Cantons of Patriarchs Militant.	.....	1	356	462	511
Increase of Cantons.....	.....	.....	355	106	49
Chevaliers Mem's of Cantons...	.....	30	11,400	15,259	17,482
Increase in Chevaliers.....	.....	.....	11,370	3,859	2,223
Value of Military Outfit.....	.....	$2,500 00	$376,324 29	$526,871 77	$668,834 12
Increase in Military Outfit.....	.....	.....	$373,824 29	$150,547 48	$141,962 35
	Dec. 31st.	Dec. 31st.	Dec. 31st.	Dec. 31st.	
Increase in Lodge Membership over that on December 31st of preceding year.....	9,646	637	12,581	25,422	.....
Increase in Encampment Membership over that on December 31st of preceding year.....	3,227	.....	3,527	3,969	.....
Decrease in Encampment Membership from that on December 31st of preceding year.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....

REMARKS.—All clearly indicating the beneficial results derived from the establishment of the Militant branch, which, from the beginning, has been self-sustaining, and has returned a direct revenue to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. The immeasurable good it has been to the Order, and the hundreds of thousands of dollars it has indirectly brought to the coffers of Lodges, Encampments and Subordinate Grand Bodies, can be conceived and properly estimated only by examining the reports on file.

During the "Militant" year, one department (New Mexico) and 53 Component Cantons were added; 2 Grand Cantons were reduced (loss 2 Components), and 2 Warrants were arrested and reclaimed—a total loss of 4 Component Cantons—thereby making the net gain for the year 49 Cantons. Initial steps looking to the formation of Cantons have been reported as having been taken at 14 places. The membership of 17,482 Chevaliers is that of 495 Cantons, on April 26th, 1888 (three-fourths reporting and one-fourth taken from the reports of 1887), added to the Warrant membership of 16 Cantons organized since that date, and by allowing the same ratio of increase in the membership of Cantons

not reporting on April 26th, last, as shown by those reporting on that date, and by estimating the growth of the whole 511 from April 26th to September 1st, 1888, on a basis obtained by equalizing the rate of general increase, the entire membership on the latter date can be securely placed at 20,000 Chevaliers. The returns show that of the reported membership, 2,341 joined Lodges and Encampments, and 2,531 advanced in the Order to obtain the Military Degree, which numbers are entirely too small, for a majority of the clerks have failed to furnish information in relation thereto; in all probability there are from 4,000 to 5,000 Chevaliers who are entitled to be so classified, and the direct revenue of Lodges and Encampments, superinduced by such desire, can, as a minimum, be safely estimated at over $100,000.00. The total value of the military outfit, reported on a known basis, is $668,834 12; and had the data furnished been full in every particular, such amount would undoubtedly have been three-fourths of a million of dollars. The Militant outfit has nearly doubled in value during the past two years; the annual increase of the investment being, in round numbers, $150,000.00.

The above record of facts is submitted without comment.

J. C. UNDERWOOD, *Lieut.-General.*

Proclamations.

The following proclamation was issued:

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,
Albion, New York, December 12th, 1887.

To the Members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

BROTHERS—Your attention is called to a law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, enacted in 1884, (Journal, 9751–9804,) in reference to the Work of the Order. It is as follows:

"*Resolved*, That any member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows who shall compose, or write, or print, or sell, or exhibit, or use, or have in his possession, or who shall in any way aid or abet in composing, or writing, or printing, or exhibiting, or using any publication, or writing or other device purporting to be the Unwritten Work of Odd Fellowship, or any part, abbreviation or memorandum of such Unwritten Work, shall be deemed guilty of conduct grossly unbecoming an Odd Fellow, and shall, upon conviction, be expelled from the Order."

A very large number of members has been initiated since its enactment, and but a small percentage of the other members is aware of its existence. Such being the case, I deem it my duty to advise you of it, and to urge upon all persons in authority to promulgate it to the organizations under their charge, and to see that it is rigidly enforced. It will be observed that it is an offense against the law of the Order to have in possession, or use or in any way abet the using of the prohibited publications, and they should be at once destroyed.

Yours fraternally, JOHN H. WHITE, *Grand Sire.*

Attest: THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary.*

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN H. WHITE, *Grand Sire.*

Rep. HART, of Mississippi, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the Grand Sire be referred to a special committee of five, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees.

The Chair named the committee, as follows:

Reps. HART, of Mississippi; WEAVER, of Alabama; HEITMAN, of Nevada; KABIS, of Wyoming; COLEMAN, of Arkansas.

The Grand Secretary submitted his annual report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Grand Secretary respectfully submits his report of the business of the office during the last year. The following comprise the

SPECIAL DUTIES TO BE DISCHARGED:

1. The decision of the Sovereign Grand Lodge on the appeals of ALEXANDER MORTON, from the action of the Grand Encampment of Delaware, pages 10,854, 10,901, 10,902 Journal; ALEXANDER MORTON, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, pages 10,856, 10,902, 10,963; CHARLES JACOBS, from the action of the Grand Lodge of California, pages 10,858, 10,902; JAMES GODWIN, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, pages 10,859, 10,902; St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge, No. 46, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, pages 10,860, 10,902; MILTON N. WEBBER, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, pages 10,862, 10,902; JAMES STARKEY, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, pages 10,864, 10,903; A. J. SMITH and sixteen others, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, pages 10,865, 10,903, 10,909, 10,928; HENRY F. ROOS, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, pages 10,870, 10,903; Hanover Lodge, No. 327, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, pages 10,871, 10,903, 10,976; P. H. STEARNS, from the action of Grand Canton Worcester, No. 3, Patriarchs Militant, Worcester, Massachusetts, pages 10,911, 10,976, were duly certified to the Bodies and individuals interested.

2. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces be, and it is hereby directed to act, (if it has not already done so), upon the appeal of WILLIAM H. WELDON, Past Grand, *vs.* Western Star Lodge, No. 16, and when the said case is determined, and within ten days thereafter, to cause a full and complete record, duly certified, of all the proceedings in said case, to be made and delivered to said Bro. WELDON.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to return to the said Grand Lodge all the papers in this case now before this Grand Body, so that all such as should, may be made part of the record so to be made by the said Grand Lodge in said case.—*Journal*, 10,861, 10,902, 10,928.

The papers on file, in the case mentioned, were sent, on the 7th day of October, 1887, to Bro. J. C. P. FRAZEE, Grand Secretary, whose acknowledgment, dated October 22d, 1887, is on file with the correspondence of the office.

3. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby directed to have the several reports and Daily Journals properly stamped for transmission by mail.—*Journal*, 10,893.

This order was attended to during the session and immediately after adjournment.

4. *Resolved*, That those having obituary notices to present, may hand them to the Grand Secretary at any time during the session, to be printed in the Revised Journal.—*Journal*, 10,897.

The papers presented, will be found on pages 11,040 to 11,056, inclusive, Journal of 1887.

5. *Resolved*, That an engraving of Bro. HENRY F. GAREY, Past Grand Sire, be procured, and the proceedings of the years 1885 and 1886, with suitable index, be printed and bound as Volume XII., with the said engraving inserted, and that one thousand copies be obtained.—*Journal*, 10,906, 10,976.

The Committee on Printing Supplies ordered the engraving, and contracted for printing and binding Volume XII., Journal, as above directed, and the books were duly delivered to the Grand Secretary.

6. *Resolved*, That the privilege granted by the resolution, page 10,646, Journal of 1886, "that the Rituals now in use by Rebekah Degree Lodges may be exchanged for the Revised Ritual, for which old Rituals $1 each shall be allowed," be extended until April 1st, 1888; and no allowance shall be made for old books destroyed, unless the certificates of destruction are in the hands of the Grand Secretary on or before April 1st, 1888.—*Journal*, 10,906, 10,976.

The particulars of the exchange of books, continued, as above provided, will be found in the tables accompanying this report.

7. *Resolved*, That all German publications, hereafter issued, be printed in Roman letters instead of German text, as heretofore.—*Journal*, 10,906, 10,976

Under the direction of the Committee on Printing Supplies, the above order has been obeyed in the printing of all books in German, during the year.

8. Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the application of the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, for remission of Sovereign Grand Lodge tax for the year 1884, would respectfully report that it appears, from the application for the remission of the tax, that it was impossible for the said Grand Encampment to be represented at that session, and, from new facts presented to us at this session, we recommend that the sum of $75 be passed to the credit of said Grand Encampment.—*Journal*, 10,915, 10,977.

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the application of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, requesting the remission of the Sovereign Grand Lodge tax for the years 1885, 1886 and 1887, aggregating $225, would respectfully report as follows:

Your committee are unanimously of the opinion that the income of the Sovereign Grand Lodge should be sacredly guarded, and that no encouragement should be given to any Grand Body to foster a feeling of dependence on the Sovereign Grand Lodge, yet, under the peculiar circumstances of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, we are of the opinion that the best interests of the Order in that jurisdiction make it necessary that this tax should be remitted. We therefore recommend that the request be granted.—*Journal*, 10,915, 10,977.

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the application of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, to be relieved from the payment of the Representative tax for the year 1887, amounting to $75, would respectfully report that the financial condition of said Grand Lodge is such that we feel that a necessity exists justifying the committee in recommending that their application be granted. We therefore offer the following for adoption:

Resolved, That the Representative tax due from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia for the year 1887, amounting to $75, be and the same is hereby remitted.—*Journal*, 10,916, 10,977.

The several Grand Bodies, above named, were duly credited with the amounts specified.

9. Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the request made by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary on behalf of the newly constituted Grand Lodge of New Mexico, to have the various sums paid into the treasury of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, by the various Subordinate Lodges from January 1st, 1887, to September 7th, 1887, amounting in the aggregate to $220.32, credited to the Grand Lodge, have taken the subject into consideration. The committee find that the action of this Sovereign Grand Lodge in the cases of the Grand Encampments of Washington and Montana, was of a similar character. (*See* pages 9808 and 9809, Journal of 1886) They therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the amount of $220.32, received from the Subordinate Lodges of New Mexico, from January 1st, 1887, to September 7th, 1887, be transferred to the credit of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico.—*Journal*, 10,916, 10,977.

The amount named, was placed to the credit of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, and has been used by that Body for the purchase of supplies and payment of Representative tax.

10. *Resolved*, That the permission heretofore given to Australasia to continue the transaction of ordinary Lodge business in the Initiatory Degree until said amended Grand Charter has been made, be and is expressly continued.

Resolved, That if the Grand Lodge of Australasia, having obtained said amended Grand Charter, and said extensive powers and privileges, and having thus been made an Independent Grand Lodge and the true head of the Order in Australasia, shall then direct the transaction of ordinary Lodge business in the Initiatory instead of the Third Degree, this Sovereign Grand Lodge will not regard or hold such direction a violation of the limitation against changes in the Unwritten Work to be contained in said amended Grand Charter, although a transfer of certain parts of the Unwritten Work to the Initiatory from a higher degree, may be made necessary by such direction, as long as the Unwritten Work itself is not in any manner altered or changed.—*Journal*, 10,931, 10,977.

The above action was promptly mailed to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Australasia, who has advised that an amended Charter will be applied for at this session.

11. *Resolved*, That authority is hereby given to Fraternidad Universal Lodge, No. 2, to remove its place of meeting from Guanabacoa to Havana.

That authority is hereby given to America Lodge, No. 5, to remove its place of meeting from Regla to Havana.—*Journal*, 10,934, 10,977.

The District Deputy Grand Sire for Cuba, was informed of the permission granted as above, and has advised that the Lodges were removed, as authorized.

12. Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. STEVENS, of Minnesota, praying that a duplicate Charter be issued to the Grand Encampment of Minnesota, the original having been lost by the fire destroying the State Capitol at St. Paul, respectfully report that they have considered the same, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to prepare and forward to the Grand Encampment of Minnesota, a duplicate Charter, to replace the original, which was destroyed by fire, and without cost.—*Journal*, 10,949, 11,003.

A duplicate Charter, conforming, as nearly as possible, to the original, was duly transmitted to Bro. J. FLETCHER WILLIAMS, Grand Scribe, who acknowledged the receipt of the document.

13. Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of Rep. FORNEY and others, praying that a duplicate Charter be issued to Covenant Lodge, No. 6, of Idaho, to replace the original Charter, which was destroyed

by fire, respectfully report that they have considered the same, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to prepare and forward to Covenant Lodge, No. 6, of Idaho, a duplicate Charter to replace the original, which was destroyed by fire, and without cost.—*Journal*, 10,949, 11,003.

The above direction was promptly attended to, and the receipt of the Lodge for the Charter, is on file.

14. *Resolved*, That a pamphlet, not exceeding twenty pages, be prepared, containing extracts from the various reports of Special Committees on Dues and Benefits, and that a copy be sent to each Subordinate Lodge, together with a circular directing that action be taken thereon.—*Journal*, 10,952, 11,005.

Rep. CAMPBELL, of Ontario, chairman of the Special Committee on Dues and Benefits, prepared and forwarded to this office the manuscript for the pamphlet authorized, and it was accordingly printed, and a sufficient number of copies furnished to each Grand Secretary to supply one to each Subordinate Lodge in his jurisdiction. It was supposed that the extra copies printed would meet all demands, but so many have been called for it has been impossible to fully comply with the requisitions.

15. *Resolved*, That the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas be referred to the Grand Secretary of Kansas, for proper certification, as required by Section 238, Digest.—*Journal*, 10,954, 11,005, 11,021.

The Constitution was returned as directed, and the Grand Secretary of Kansas, forwarded duly certified amendments, which will be submitted at the proper time.

16. Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, have read with great pleasure the clear and concise statement of the condition of this degree, as it appears in the report of the Grand Secretary, page 10,795. From this statement it is plainly shown that this branch of our Order is meeting with encouragement, and has the indorsement of nearly all the jurisdictions subordinate to this Sovereign Body. We regret to notice that no reports have been received from seven jurisdictions for several years past. We suggest that the Grand Secretary again make call on the Grand Secretaries of the delinquent jurisdictions for an immediate report, and that such reports be incorporated in the tabular statement in the Revised Journal. It is to be hoped that the recognition and introduction of this degree will receive the early attention of such jurisdictions as have no Lodges of this degree within their limits. The condition of this branch of the Order is certainly very cheering, there being shown a large increase in the number of Lodges, membership and finances.—*Journal*, 10,963, 11,022.

In accordance with the above suggestion, the Grand Secretary, soon after adjournment, addressed a letter to the Grand Secretary of each of the jurisdictions referred to. The tables accompanying this report, show that two of the seven Grand Lodges made reports for the year 1887.

17. Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of Pushmataha Encampment, No. 2, Indian Territory, requesting permission to remove the same from Atoka to Lehigh, having duly examined the papers, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.—*Journal*, 10,965, 11,023.

This action was communicated to the District Deputy Grand Sire of the jurisdiction.

18. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish, free of cost, to the Grand Officers and Representatives who have not already received them, the bound Journals of Proceedings, and, at cost, the Revised Digest.—*Journal*, 10,967, 11,023.

Eleven volumes were sent, as soon as possible after adjournment, to each officer and member entitled to them, and on the completion of Volume XII., in July, 1888, a copy was sent to each officer and member of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, accredited to the session of 1887.

19. WHEREAS, Some of the railroads east of Chicago and St. Louis, in what is known as the Trunk Line Association, are extending certificates for return passage from this Grand Body beyond that designated in the said certificates, and until October 31st;

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary ask the said Trunk Line Association by telegraph to have all certificates on all railroads made the same date returning, namely, October 31st, 1887.—*Journal*, 10,999.

As soon as the address of the Trunk Line Commissioner (S. F. PIERSON, 346 Broadway, New York,) could be ascertained, a telegraphic message was sent to him (Thursday, September 22d, 7:30 P. M.,) at his office in New York, but no reply was received, although frequent inquiries were made concerning an answer, at the office in Denver.

20. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized and directed to draw warrants in favor of the persons as set forth in above report, (Committee on Finance,) amounting to the sum of $1,704.70.—*Journal*, 11,006, 11,007.

Warrants were drawn as directed; but Bro. JOHN MEDOLE, P. G. M., declining to receive the amount appropriated to him (*see* Journal, 11,007), the warrant was canceled. The Committee on Finance made the warrant "for care of Wildey and Ridgely Monuments, $50.00," to the order of the Grand Secretary, who drew the money, and under the direction of the Baltimore members of the Committees on the Monuments, paid $25.00 to the keeper of Harlem Square for care of the Ridgely Monument. Bro. JOSEPH F. SCHWEITZER, in charge of the Wildey Monument, declining to receive the $25.00 appropriated to him, the money was returned to the treasury of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

21. *Resolved*, That the sum of $20.10 be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the expenses incurred by D. D. Grand Sire G. C. SCHUELER, in performing his official duties as such D. D. Grand Sire since January 1st, 1887.—*Journal*, 11,013, 11,033.

The warrant for amount, as above, was forwarded, and the receipt for the same is on file.

22. WHEREAS, Bro. ROBINSON is entitled to a speedy conclusion of the investigations arising from his claim for benefits from July 20th, 1879, to June 20th, 1883, and from June 20th, 1883, to July 25th, 1883, and it appears that Templar Lodge and its committee have at least been slow in the discharge of their duties; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of California, and during the *interim* the Grand Master of California, be, and is hereby instructed to direct Templar Lodge, No. 17, to cause its committee of investigation in matters of Bro. T. B. ROBINSON to close said investigation, and make report and final disposition thereof, within ninety days from the receipt of official notice of this action from the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and Bro. ROBINSON is entitled to counsel before the investigation committee or committees, and before the Lodge.—*Journal*, 11,018, 11,035.

On the 7th day of October, 1887, a copy of the proceeding in the case, re-

quired by the adoption of the above resolution, was mailed to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California, and a duplicate sent to Bro. ROBINSON.

23. *Resolved*, That the rooms in the Temple at Columbus, Ohio, now owned by this Grand Lodge, shall, during the recess, be in the care of the Grand Secretary, and the use of the large room thereof said Secretary is authorized to give to the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Ohio, and to the Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F., of Ohio, for the purpose of holding their annual sessions therein; and he is also authorized to permit the several Lodges and Encampments in Columbus, Ohio, to use said room for extraordinary meetings of those Bodies. —*Journal*, 11,031.

In January, 1888, the Trustees of the Temple informed me that they desired to make some improvements in the large Lodge-room in the third story of the building, and applied for one-half of the hall designed for the meetings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, for the use of the Subordinates during the time required for the alterations. Believing the permission could be granted under the authority of the resolution above, the Trustees were allowed to erect a temporary partition, etc., and use the premises for the regular meetings of Subordinates. The room was vacated in June, and left in good condition.

24. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to send to each Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge a blank form, to be filled in by him, with his name in full, his place of nativity, profession, place of residence or post-office, the nearest route of travel to the place of meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, together with number of miles to be traveled; the said Representative to return the statement to the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, who shall place the same completed form in the hands of the chairman of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, one month previous to the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.—*Journal*, 11,033.

This order was complied with and the statements, as received, were mailed to the chairman of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.

25. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be, and he is hereby instructed to cause the ceremony for the burial of a Sister of the Degree of Rebekah to be printed and sold, as other supplies are sold, to the Grand Lodges.

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the above resolution, authorizing the Committee on Printing Supplies to print the funeral ceremony for a Daughter of Rebekah and furnish the same to Grand Lodges, as other supplies, have considered the same, and respectfully recommend its adoption. —*Journal*, 11,031, 11,040.

The Committee on Printing Supplies directed the ceremony printed in English and German, and all orders for the books have been promptly filled.

26. *Resolved*, That the sympathies of this Grand Body are hereby tendered to the families of the departed Representatives, whose loss we so deeply lament.

Resolved, That this memorial be entered upon our Journal, and that suitable mourning tablets in honor of the Brethren named herein, be printed in the Revised Journal of the present session.—*Journal*, 11,037, 11,039.

The memorial referred to, appears on pages 11,037, 11,038 and 11,039, Journal of 1887, and the names, with references, will be found in the tablets on pages I to VI, inclusive, Appendix to Journal.

27. WHEREAS, It is eminently proper that this Sovereign Grand Lodge should make fitting acknowledgment of its sincere appreciation of the manifold courtesies and open-handed hospitality of which its officers and members have been the recipients while sojourning in the midst of the Odd Fellows of Colorado,

and while en route to Denver, and should also acknowledge the many other courtesies and kindnesses incidental to the session; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the cordial and heartfelt thanks of the Sovereign Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Odd Fellows and citizens of the city of Denver, and the State of Colorado, for their constant and zealous hospitality, extended to the officers and members of this Grand Body and the ladies accompanying them; and especially to C. D. COBB, chairman of the Executive Committee of Arrangements; and to J. M. NORMAN, chairman of the Committee on the Entertainment of the Ladies; A. E. GIPSON, chairman of the General Committee of Arrangements; A. W. HOGLE, chairman of the Committee on Hotels; W. J. FAY, chairman of the Committee on Reception, and to the individual members of said committees, one and all, for their assiduous attention and kindness, illustrating so plainly the well-known hospitality of their city and State, and aiding in making the session of 1887 a memorable one in the history of the Order.

To the Odd Fellows of Kansas and Missouri, for the many kindnesses and profuse hospitality extended by them while we were passing through their respective jurisdictions, and particularly to the Lodges at St. Louis, Kansas City, Topeka, Hutchinson and Garden City, and to the committees who had in charge the entertainment of this Grand Body.

To the Brethren of Los Angeles, California, for their handsome donation of fruit, and to Pike's Peak Lodge, Colorado Springs, for the entertainment provided by them for the ladies.

To his Excellency, Hon. ALVA ADAMS, Governor of Colorado; His Honor, WM. SCOTT LEE, Mayor of Denver; Hon. E. M. ASHLEY, President of the Board of Trade; to DAVID RINGLE, Grand Master, and J. M. NORMAN, Grand Secretary, of Colorado, for their words of hearty welcome; and your committee recommend that their addresses, together with the response of the Grand Sire, be printed in the Revised Journal.

To the Board of Trade of the city of Denver, for the use of their hall, in which the session of this Grand Body has been held.

To the Knights Templar of the city of Denver, our allies and co-workers in the cause of humanity, for their fraternal welcome and courteous hospitality.

To the Press of the city of Denver, for the interest manifested in our session, and for their enterprise in giving full reports of all matters connected therewith, and the grand parade on the twenty-second inst.

To Lieutenant General and Deputy Grand Sire JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, and to Grand Representative J. WARD ELLIS, chairman of the Special Committee, for their labor and attention in the matter of securing rates of transportation for the members of the Grand Body, and to the various railroads throughout the country for their reduction of fare.

To the Cantons and Chevaliers of Patriarchs Militant, for their attendance and drill, which added so greatly to the enjoyment of the session, and to the Subordinate Lodges participating in the parade of Thursday.

To the Degree Team of Topeka, whose excellent rendering of the Work is to be especially commended.

Resolved, further, That the Grand Secretary is hereby directed to transmit complete sets of the Revised Journal, suitably bound, to the State Library of Colorado, the City Library of Denver, and the Board of Trade of the city of Denver.

Resolved, further, That copies of these resolutions be furnished by the Grand Secretary to the several parties above mentioned.—*Journal*, 11,039, 11,040.

The addresses of the Governor and others, as recommended, will be found in the Appendix to the Journal of 1887.

The proceeding, as recited above, was suitably printed on diploma blanks and copies furnished to the several parties. The thirty-six volumes of Journal were bound in full calf, and, through the kindness of Grand Secretary NORMAN,

the three sets, of twelve volumes each, were delivered, as directed, to the State Library, City Library and Board of Trade. Acknowledgments of the resolutions and books are on file in this office.

28. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Body are hereby tendered Grand Sire WHITE for the able, impartial and satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

A copy of the above, duly attested, was presented to Grand Sire WHITE.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The number of letters received during the past year, it is believed, far exceeds that of any previous twelve months since the organization of this Grand Body, in 1821. Indeed, every year adds to the volume of correspondence of this office. It is not proposed, however, to deviate from the practice existing heretofore; therefore, only brief extracts from the letters of Grand Scribes, Grand Secretaries, and District Deputy Grand Sires, of the sixty-eight jurisdictions under the Sovereign Grand Lodge, of local and general interest, will be presented in this report.

THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

ALABAMA.—The annual report of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting a gain of 92 members, was received June 12th, from Bro. E. L. CAHALL, Acting Grand Secretary, who advised as follows:

"Bro. WILLIAM A. SHIELDS, Grand Secretary, is in a very critical condition; has not been out of bed for two months, and his doctor gives us no hope. He is perfectly conscious, but unable to raise himself in bed."

On the 23d of June the following, dated June 20th, was received from Bro. CAHALL:

"It is with feelings of great sorrow that I notify you of the death of Bro. SHIELDS. You who have known him as Grand Secretary and Grand Representative for many years, can form some idea of what the Order in this State has lost by his death. He was born in New York City, July 14th, 1829, and died in Mobile, June 18th, 1888, at 11:40 P. M., aged 58 years, 11 months and 4 days."

Notwithstanding several requests were made to the Grand Scribe, Bro. LEE R. MCKEE, the report of the Grand Encampment has not been received, and we are without information concerning the Patriarchal branch of the Order in Alabama. On the 31st of July, Bro. E. ERSWELL, Grand Patriarch, wrote that he had "made an appointment of Grand Representative, to fill vacancy caused by the death of Bro. SHIELDS, and sent the same to the Grand Scribe, and ordered him to send the certificate, with Representative tax, to you at once;" but they have not yet, (August 13th,) reached this office.

ALBERTA, CANADA.—The report of Alberta Lodge, No. 1, showing a membership of 68, an increase of 17 during the year, was received May 23d. Alberta Encampment, No. 1, was instituted January 11th, 1887, but has failed to make a report. On the 16th of May, Bro. GEORGE MURDOCH, D. D. Grand Sire, wrote:

"Alberta Lodge has got moved into a new hall, and it is a credit to any body of Odd Fellows. Alberta Encampment has been suspended during the last four or five months, on account of a large number of our members leaving the town; but enough have remained to hold the Charter, and this week we shall commence work in good shape, as we have about twelve to initiate."

ARIZONA.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received April 16th from Bro. N. A. MORFORD, Grand Secretary, and shows 7 Lodges with a membership of 360, a gain of 34. Encampments Nos. 1 and 2 have an aggregate membership of 73. Gila Encampment, No. 3, was instituted at Globe, August 10th, on the petition of 15 members.

ARKANSAS.—The report of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting a gain of 108, and the Grand Encampment a gain of 59 members, came to hand March 31st from Bro. PETER BRUGMAN, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"We report, this year, some progress all along the line, and the future is promising."

ASSINIBOIA, CANADA.—The two Lodges in this jurisdiction (Valley, No. 1, and Moosomin, No. 2,) are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. Bro. JOHN P. YOUNG, D. D. Grand Sire (and Grand Representative), on the 29th of June, wrote:

"As to my position of District Deputy Grand Sire for Assiniboia, I have nothing to report. I fully expected to have been able to organize at least one more Lodge this year, but have failed so far."

BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.—The report of the Grand Lodge, received March 19th, from Bro. FREDERICK DAVEY, Grand Secretary, exhibits 9 Lodges and 802 members, a gain of 102 during the year. Bro. DAVEY, on the 7th of March, advised:

"I have much pleasure in forwarding, herewith, the annual report of this Grand Lodge for the year ended 31st of December last, and in pointing to the creditable increase shown in our membership. For the first time in the history of this Grand Lodge we elected a Grand Representative, and I inclose the certificate of Bro. WILLIAM MCCALL, P. G. M., who will, I trust, be able to attend the next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Los Angeles."

CALIFORNIA.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received June 7th from Bro. W. B. LYON, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, and gains of 848 in the Lodge and 244 in the Encampment membership are noted.

COLORADO.—The Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment reports were received May 7th. Bro. J. M. NORMAN, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, wrote:

"I am pleased to report a continued prosperity in our jurisdiction. A gain of 8 Lodges and an increase of 397 members is not a bad exhibit for the year. We have instituted 3 Lodges since January, and I am doing a great deal of correspondence looking to the organization of others. The Encampment branch of the Order is also flourishing, the report showing a membership of 973, a gain of 123, and the prospects for new Encampments are bright."

CONNECTICUT.—On the 10th of March the Grand Lodge, and on the 12th the Grand Encampment, reports were received.

Bro. B. S. KEITH, Grand Master, on the 6th of March, accompanying the Grand Lodge report, wrote:

"You will see that we are still gaining in membership and funds. We have added one Lodge to our number, and the prospect is good for at least one more before my time expires, and everything looks bright for the future."

Bro. FREDERICK BOTSFORD, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, on the 7th of March, advised:

"I forwarded to the Grand Master my report, with the request that he sign the same and send to you. Like its predecessors, for the nineteen years of my incumbency, it shows an advance in membership and finances. The gain in members is 626, and in funds $18,372.09. Since the first of January, we have instituted a new Lodge in Glastonbury, which now has nearly fifty members, and confidently expect to organize another in Killingly, in the extreme eastern part of the State, probably in April next, so that the prospects are very cheering for the current year and I think I may say, that the Order in this jurisdiction is in splendid condition. It is very gratifying to me to be able to make such a report. The growth has been beyond my most sanguine anticipations, and I do not think of setting any limit to our expansion, until we have a dwelling-place in every town in the State. I sincerely hope that the same good fortune may attend every jurisdiction reporting to you. With a feeling of satisfaction with the present and bright hopes for the future, I send this report."

The report of the Grand Encampment shows an increase of 229 in membership.

Concerning the report of Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, Bro. BOTSFORD, on the 19th of March, wrote:

"Like my other two reports it shows a handsome gain, giving evidence of a better condition of this branch than heretofore. It does not show as much paid for relief as I could wish, but I know considerable has been done in the way of visiting the sick and kind ministrations to the distressed, which does not appear in dollars and cents;" and on the 28th of July he further advised that "we expect to institute another Lodge in the eastern part of the State, in about ten days, making two additions for this year. We instituted L. A. Thomas Lodge on the 23d, with 17 Charter members, and 27 were initiated. We are coming, 12,000, more or less, to swell the great army of the Order. There has never been anything like the present time for real strength. We are growing with half the effort made fifteen years ago; in fact, I think, are realizing the results of long years of earnest toil. Let the good work go on."

DAKOTA.—The Grand Encampment report, exhibiting a gain of 93 members, was received March 24th, and the Grand Lodge report, showing a gain of 398 members, was received April 19th Bro. RALPH R. BRIGGS, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, on the 21st of March, wrote:

"The Encampment branch of the Order is in a healthy condition in this jurisdiction, and will flourish in the immediate future. It has been of slow growth here, not having been pushed, but the principles and objects have been well introduced and guarded. The Military branch, of which we have 9 Cantons now, is also highly appreciated, and has been a valuable adjunct to the whole Order in this jurisdiction."

Of the Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, Bro. BRIGGS thus advised:

"This branch of the Order will grow some, during the year 1888, I think, at least the indications are in that direction, and if more encouraging legislation shall be enacted, especially if some sort of representation is given to this branch of the Order, I have no doubt that it will prove to be beneficial and wisely bestowed."

With the report of the Grand Lodge, Bro. BRIGGS, on the 16th of April, transmitted the following:

"This jurisdiction is still prospering, although we have not instituted as many new Lodges during the year as we had expected to, because of the severe winter and financial outlook; but we have materially strengthened the old Lodges generally. Two Lodges have surrendered their Charters, one has been removed to a new location, and nine new Lodges have been organized during the year. The foundations are well laid, and our numerical growth will be steady and more rapid in the old Lodges, than from the organization of new ones."

DELAWARE.—With the Grand Lodge report, received March 21st, Bro. ISAAC W. HALLAM, Grand Secretary, furnished the following:

"The work of the year shows that the Brethren have not been idle, and as a result we have a decided improvement, all around, to encourage us. A gain of 51 in membership over last year, in spite of the obstacles that were to be overcome, is no mean testimony to the energy and determination that produced it. If all the jurisdictions gain in the same ratio to membership, there will be much cause for rejoicing."

The Grand Encampment report was received June 16th, from Bro. EDWIN HIRST, Grand Scribe, with the following:

"In submitting our report for the year ending December 31st, 1887, I regret to say that my anticipation, expressed one year ago, has not been realized, and that we are again compelled, though reluctantly, to report a decrease, instead of an increase, in our membership. While our returns show that 21 members have been added, by one Encampment ceasing to work and a weeding out of

dead wood by other Encampments, 46 have been suspended, and 4 have died, total, 50; net loss, 29. I am glad to say, however, that our next report will present a better exhibit, as we have, during the present year, instituted in Wilmington, a new Encampment with about 46 members, and it has already increased to over 70 members, many of whom propose to enter the ranks of the Patriarchs Militant Death has again been amongst us, and three more of our venerable Past Grand Representatives have been called away 'to join the innumerable caravan.' EDWARD MCINTIRE, P. G. M. and P. G. Rep., died very suddenly on November 18th, 1887, the day after the meeting of the Grand Lodge, which he attended, and where he took part in the election of Grand Officers. He was 72 years of age. Rev. GAYLORD L MORE, P. G. P. and P. G. Rep., after a lingering illness of several years, died on the 4th of February, 1888, at the advanced age of 76 years. HENRY ECKEL, P. G. M., P. G. P., P. G. Rep. and P. D. D. G. Sire, after a brief illness, died on the 6th of March, 1888, being in the 72d year of his age. It is impressively remarkable, that inside of thirteen months, (from March 26th 1887, to April 1st, 1888), Delaware has lost, by death, seven Past Grand Masters, in addition to P. G. Rep. MORE, the youngest being 51 years of age. We are thus admonished that while the young may die, the old must die."

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The Grand Encampment report was received February 14th. Bro. JOSEPH BURROUGHS, Grand Scribe, advised:

"The report shows an increase of admissions over that of the previous year, but by reason of an increase also in the loss by suspension and death, there has been a decrease of 6 in membership."

On the 23d of April, the Grand Lodge report came to hand, with the following, from Bro. WILLIAM P. ALLAN, Grand Secretary:

"The indications referred to in the last report from this jurisdiction, have been partly realized. From a net decrease of 242, (actual decrease 20), at that time, the report for 1887 shows a net increase of 6. The excellent manner in which the Secret Work is executed by Metropolis Lodge, No. 16, has helped to infuse new life and zeal among the members, and we now find several Lodges vieing with one another in all that pertains to make Odd Fellowship beautiful and attractive. The large increase in the amount paid for relief, shows that, though the jurisdiction cannot boast of a large membership, the wants of the sick and distressed, under their care, have been liberally provided for. The Degree of Rebekah in this District, has increased eighty per cent. in membership, with a corresponding increase in interest and zeal among the ladies connected therewith, to become perfect in the 'beautified work.' The prospect for a prosperous exhibit for 1888 is encouraging."

FLORIDA.—On the 27th of April, the report of the Grand Lodge, showing a gain of 26 members, was received from Bro. W. M. MCINTOSH, JR., Grand Secretary.

The Grand Encampment report, exhibiting an increase of 2 in membership, was received August 8th, from Bro. B. A. MEGINNISS, Grand Scribe.

GEORGIA.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received April 18th, from Bro. JOHN G. DEITZ, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who thus advised:

"The reports show a flattering increase over 1886; a net gain of 299 Subordinate members, Rebekah 51, Encampment 65. Thus you see we are alive and prospering. Two new Lodges have been instituted since the first of the year, and there are prospects for more in the near future. Two Lodges have forfeited their Charters. There are 2 good Cantons at work in this jurisdiction. It is a pleasure to furnish such reports, and I hope you will, with me, appreciate the same."

IDAHO.—The report of the Grand Lodge, received June 1st, from Bro. LEON FULD, Grand Secretary, exhibits the very gratifying increase of 161 members, making the total enrolled, January 1st, 708. In letter of July 30th, the Grand Secretary stated that "the reports for term ending June 30th show a gain of

over 200 members since last session of the Grand Lodge, October 11th, 1887. We have 25 Subordinate Lodges, with 850 members, and expect to increase that number to 900 by the time our Grand Lodge meets in October."

Through the exertions of Bro. M. B. GWINN, District Deputy Grand Sire, 4 Subordinate Encampments have been instituted during the year, viz.: Ridgely, No. 2, at Pocatello, November 25th, 1887; Temple, No. 3, at Caldwell, February 6th, 1888; I anhoe, No. 4, at Hailey, March 26th, 1888; Enterprise, No. 5, at Ketchum, March 27th, 1888. Application was made by the 5 Encampments for a Grand Encampment, which was instituted at Hailey, August 6th, 1888. Bro. GWINN wrote very encouragingly of the situation, and said: "I want to build up Odd Fellowship in Idaho, and if we get a Grand Encampment, I will show you a gain of 5 new Subordinate Encampments in a year, and besides, the organization will help our Subordinate Lodges."

The aggregate membership in Encampments Nos. 1 and 2 was 54, a net gain of 17 during the year.

ILLINOIS.—Bro. J. C. SMITH, Grand Scribe, in transmitting the report of the Grand Encampment, which came to hand April 27th, wrote:

"You will see that we have not only held our own, but made a slight gain of 71 members. When we consider the drawbacks to business, during the past year, you will recognize the fact that we did well. All through the year labor was unsettled, and mechanics were not fully employed. Then the drought, which commenced early and continued late, is still with us, destroying crops, so that our farmers were compelled to economize. For these reasons we did not expect to hold our own, and the fact that we made a slight increase, is surprising. We hope to retain the membership this year, and if we do, we shall do well, as so many of our people are going West."

With the report of the Grand Lodge, received May 25th, and showing an increase of 1,094 in membership, Bro. F. E. HUDDLE, Grand Secretary, advised:

"The last year, as you will observe by our returns, has been a most prosperous one in both Subordinate and Rebekah Degree Lodges. The figures are all the more gratifying, from the fact that for some years past, our Grand Jurisdiction has either shown small gains or discouraging losses. Our relief report is also calculated to reflect honor upon this jurisdiction. The extraordinary increase in membership, I feel, is partially due to the fact that our semi-annual terms now begin with the months of April and October, thus prolonging the activity of winter a month or so at its latter end, and beginning it so much earlier in the autumn, for you know that Lodges are always active up to the time of the spring election and installation, and that they begin earnest work for the winter with the occasion of the election of officers for that term. It is also a gratifying fact that we have closed up few Lodges during the past year, and that we have gained a handsome number. Since our last session, we have instituted no less than seventeen Subordinate and thirty-one Rebekah Degree Lodges, to this date, which, of course, will do much toward making a grand showing for the term. I sincerely hope that the returns from other Grand Jurisdictions will afford you as much joy as ours must."

INDIANA.—On the 21st of May, the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received from Bro. B. F. FOSTER, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who thus advised:

"You will see that in all the branches of the Order we have made substantial gains. In the Subordinate branch our net gain in membership for the year is 1,940, and the Encampments show a net increase of 568. During the same period there have been 2,897 initiations. These accessions to our ranks show the real elements of prosperity. Since the advent of the present year, advices from the Lodges show continued activity in the work; and from present indications the year 1888 will be fraught with still greater results." Recent information from other sources, is that the Order is rapidly growing, especially the Encampment branch.

INDIAN TERRITORY.—The returns of the 5 Lodges show a net gain of 5, and the 2 Encampments a loss of 2 members. Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 6, was instituted at Lehigh, May 24th, and South Canadian Lodge, No. 7, at South Canadian, June 29th, 1888, and we are encouraged to believe that the returns for this year, will exhibit a handsome addition to the membership. Concerning the petition of Atoka Lodge, No. 5, for removal, refused at last session, Bro. G. C. SCHUELER, Past District Deputy Grand Sire, in letter dated March 23d, said: "Atoka Lodge has been seriously injured by the decision of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, but being always obedient to the mandates of authority, we bow our heads submissively and await further chances;" and on the 21st of July he wrote: "Atoka Lodge is not doing any work, but is still alive, though we have lost a great many members. If the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at its next session, will allow us to move our location, it is probable that we may rally; but, if refused the favor, we shall have to give up the Lodge, as we cannot get a quorum here."

IOWA.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received April 6th, and that of the Grand Encampment June 7th, from Bro. WILLIAM GARRETT, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. On the 4th of April Bro. GARRETT wrote:

"On this, the forty-fourth anniversary of the institution of the Order in Iowa, I mail you the report for 1887, and am pleased to be able to say that I have received the reports from all except 4 Lodges, and they have ceased to meet and will soon surrender their Charters. You will see we have made a gain of 5 Lodges and 344 members, and the Order in Iowa is in a good, healthy condition, and I believe we shall make gains hereafter. Our progress may be slow, but the number dropped for non-payment of dues in 1887 was 364 less than in 1886, and I believe the loss will continue to be less each year. We have made a financial gain, and in that respect we are in good condition. In other respects there is very little difference between the reports of last year and this; the number relieved, and amount paid for relief, and number of deaths, in 1887, vary very little from 1886."

In transmitting the report of the Grand Encampment, on the 4th of June, Bro. GARRETT advised:

"I have held back the report to try and get returns from all the Encampments, but 2 have surrendered Charters, and 7 others have failed to report. You will see we had December 31st, 1887, just 4,000 members, a loss of 39 in the year. I am in hopes that in 1888 we will make a gain. A few of the Encampments that failed to report will have to surrender Charters, as they are too weak to keep up, but three or four of them are numerically and financially, in good condition, and a failure to report must be attributed to negligence or carelessness of the officers. The Encampments are financially in very good condition. We have instituted 3 new Encampments since the 1st of January, and they are doing well. Another will be instituted this week I also inclose you report for Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah. I have done all I could to get the returns, but 15 have failed to make their reports. Not one has surrendered Charter, and we have so far issued dispensations for 9, and 2 have reclaimed their Charters. The report must show for itself."

KANSAS.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received April 25th, from Bro. SAMUEL F. BURDETT, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, without special remarks, but we note a gain of 1,809 Lodge and 129 Encampment members.

KENTUCKY.—On the 6th of April, the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received from Bro. WILLIAM WHITE, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"By the continued and thorough pruning and lopping off of the dead and dry branches, we lose 20 Subordinate Lodges, reducing our present number to 146 healthy, strong and vigorous branches, mostly bearing and bringing forth rich and abundant fruit, showing a net or absolute gain in membership over the report of last year of 327, to which add the approximate membership of

the defunct Lodges, 180, and we have a gain for this branch of 507. We also show a gain in investments of $64,126.94, and an increase in the amount expended for relief, benevolence and charity of $3,403.13. The interest and spirit of the Order manifested in the work throughout the jurisdiction, have kept pace with the advance and upward tendency, and the best of all, is the bright promise for the future. All praise to the indefatigable efforts and labors of Grand Masters ELLIOTT and REED for the welfare and advancement of the Order. In the Encampment branch we have the like cheer and promise. Whilst we have sustained the loss of 1 Subordinate Encampment, we show a gain in membership of 191, and add the members of the defunct Encampment, and the gain will be 205. In annual receipts, the gain is $551.40, and the amount expended for relief, benevolence and charity, $599.32. As in the Subordinate branch, there is no abatement of interest and spirit but progress is plainly stamped upon its future. In the Degree of Rebekah branch, I am proud to say there is a marked improvement, a gain both in Lodges and membership. The number of Lodges, as per last report, was 22; 4 new Lodges have been added, making the present number 26. Members, as per last report —Brothers, 396; Sisters, 410; total, 806; present membership—Brothers, 447; Sisters, 458; total, 905; showing an increase of 99, and a gain in receipts of nearly one hundred per cent. The growth and progress in this jurisdiction are plainly marked in all directions, and as I said in my last, the future of the Order in Kentucky is full of hope, cheer and promise."

LOUISIANA.—The Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment reports were received March 30th. Bro. JAMES FURNEAUX, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, did not furnish any special information concerning the Order in the jurisdiction, but an examination of the reports exhibits a gain of 113 in Lodge and 32 in Encampment membership. Concerning Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, on the 25th of June Bro. FURNEAUX wrote:

"I am unable to make any report. Six years ago we had 2 Rebekah Degree Lodges, one, No. 3, at Bayou Sara, and one, No. 4, at New Orleans, but neither of them has submitted a report since January, 1883, when both reported for 1882. I have no information to warrant the supposition that there can be a report made during the present year. I think that the Rebekah branch of our Order in Louisiana is dead, for the present at least. I regret that such is the case, but cannot consider the matter in any other light, at the present time."

LOWER PROVINCES, BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.—The report of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting a gain of 14 members, was received, June 4th, from Bro. J. C. P. FRAZEE, Grand Secretary, with the following:

"In transmitting the annual reports of this jurisdiction, there is little to be said that is not indicated in the documents, concerning the progress being made. The reports show the Lodges to be in a fairly prosperous condition, doing a little work all the time, but exhibiting no special activity. A comparison with last report, shows an increase in about every department. We are hopeful that the steady, good work being accomplished, will result, before long, in a revival of interest and an extension of the Order in many directions."

The reports of the 5 Encampments were received in February and March, through Bro. ANDRE CUSHING, District Deputy Grand Sire, showing an aggregate net gain of 2 in membership.

MAINE.—With the report of the Grand Lodge, received February 28th, Bro. JOSHUA DAVIS, Grand Secretary, transmitted the following:

"It gives me pleasure to call your attention to the gain (759) in this 'Down East' jurisdiction. Maine Odd Fellowship again comes smilingly to the front, showing very satisfactory results for the year. Peace and prosperity abound throughout our borders."

The Grand Encampment report, showing a gain of 180 members, was received May 25th, from Bro. B C. STONE, Grand Scribe, who thus advised:

"While we have instituted no new Encampments, (believing it better for the

interests of our beloved Order to have a *few strong* Encampments, rather than *many weak* ones), we have endeavored to foster and encourage those already existing, and we think the Encampment branch is now in a healthy, flourishing and substantial condition, with a good prospect of an increase of membership."

MANITOBA, CANADA.—On the 27th of June, the report of the Grand Lodge, showing a gain of 14 members, was received from Bro. JAMES D. CONKLIN, Grand Secretary, who wrote as follows:

"The report shows a satisfactory, though small increase in membership and funds. The current year promises to be one of great prosperity for our Order in this Province, as two Lodges have been instituted, and applications are expected from two or three new fields very shortly."

Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, was instituted at Morden, July 31st. Bro. H. J. RAYMER, District Deputy Grand Sire, in transmitting the returns of Encampments Nos. 1, 2 and 3 (showing an aggregate net gain of 19), on the 13th of February wrote:

"While no very marked increase has taken place during the year, yet it is satisfactory, to me at least, aware of the conditions under which we exist, to know that the Encampments hold their own. It is also encouraging to think that better times are coming, the results of which will be felt by the Order;" and August 1st, with return of institution of No. 4, he said "the prospects for the Encampment are good. Of course, the town is small, but the material in the Encampment is of the very best, and, as you will see by the list, they turnod out very well."

MARYLAND.—With the returns of the Grand Lodge, showing a loss of 210 members, and Grand Encampment a loss of 190 members, received February 20th, Bro. JOHN M. JONES, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, wrote:

"I have nothing of importance to say concerning the decrease exhibited in membership. The returns have been delayed on account of several delinquent Subordinates, and there are three or four yet to report; but I have entered their membership as reported December 31st, 1886. This may, or may not be correct, and subsequent surrender of the Charters, as was the case with three Lodges in 1887, may reduce the membership further, which will, of course, be shown in the report for 1888."

MASSACHUSETTS.—On the 20th of April, the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received from Bro. CHARLES D. COLE, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"It affords me great pleasure and satisfaction to again report an increase, both in Lodges and in membership, in the jurisdiction of Massachusetts. Our progress has been wonderful, and, taken in connection with the great number of secret societies that are pressing their claims on public attention, the progress shows an interest in the work of Odd Fellowship that has never been equaled in the history of the Order in this State. During the year, 11 new Lodges have been added, and the Subordinates have made a net gain of 2,821 members, and this gain is not alone in numerical strength, but in the character of the membership, in its ritualistic work and in the carrying out of the great lessons of our fraternity. We have relieved 4,047 Brothers and 566 widowed families, and 334 Brothers have been buried with the honors of the Order, while $120,256.97 have been spent in relief. A gratifying increase is also seen in the gross receipts, which during the year, amounted to $351,874.34. The Encampment branch of the Order has also shared in this general prosperity, with an increase of 5 Encampments and a net gain of 812 Patriarchs, while $13,779.70 have been spent in relief. The Rebekah Lodges have also joined in this great advance, and we now have 61 working Lodges, an increase of 11 during the year, while the membership has increased from 3,277 Brothers and 3,408 Sisters, to 3,843 Brothers and 3,918 Sisters—a total of 1,076 members. Harmony and good-will prevail on all sides; no troubles or dissensions have arisen, but all, animated with the same desires, actuated by the same

hopes, are pushing on in this good work and Odd Fellowship is reaping the reward."

MICHIGAN.—The returns of the Grand Lodge, showing an increase of 1,111, and Grand Encampment an increase of 235 members, were received May 18th, from Bro. E. H. WHITNEY, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who thus wrote:

"As in past years, I give you glad tidings of advance and prosperity in every department of the Order in Michigan. Our Subordinate Bodies are in good condition, and each seems to be striving for the best position. We are quite satisfied with the results of our labors, yet are pressing onward to accomplish something better in the future. 'Onward' is our watchword, and by it we shall conquer, and success will crown our every effort for good."

MINNESOTA.—Bro. A. L. BOLTON, Grand Secretary, in transmitting the report of the Grand Lodge, which came to hand April 4th, wrote as follows:

"An inspection of the report will show that we have made a net gain of 505 members, with 13 Lodges instituted, and 16 since our last annual session, in June, 1887. To use a real estate phrase, this is what I consider a 'boom' in new Lodges. At least, it is the largest number instituted in this jurisdiction in any one year. There were only eleven expulsions in a total membership of nearly 7,000, a very significant indication of the *morale* of our membership. Our Brothers are zealous, both in the work of the Lodge-room and in extending relief. Degree teams are doing good service by giving faithful renditions of the floor-work in the Lodge-rooms, and General Relief Committees, by their systematic and timely assistance to transient sick Brothers, have placed the Order high in public estimation. An interest has at last been awakened in that hitherto neglected branch of the Order, the Degree of Rebekah. A preliminary convention was called in February, and the first annual convention will be held simultaneously with our Grand Lodge session next June. In its next annual report, I expect this Grand Lodge to make a far more commendable showing in this branch of the Order."

On the 8th of June, he wrote: "Our Grand Lodge session was held June 5th and 6th, with the largest attendance ever known in the history of the Order in this State. One reason for this is, that all our Past Grands can vote and hold office, that is, provided they are elected; but such an attendance makes a very unwieldy body, and steps have already been taken to reduce the number, by electing Grand Officers in Subordinate Lodges."

With the report of the Grand Encampment, received April 27th, and showing a gain of 37 members, Bro. J. FLETCHER WILLIAMS, Grand Scribe, thus advised:

"Our report does not show much numerical gain, but nevertheless we are much stronger in every way than a year ago. Since this report closed, 2 strong Encampments have been instituted, and 2 more will be chartered very soon. There is a general feeling of encouragement all along the line."

MISSISSIPPI.—The report of the Grand Encampment, exhibiting a loss of 115 members, was received May 23d from Bro. ISAAC D. BLUMENTHAL, Grand Scribe, who thus explains the situation:

"Do not be astonished at the falling off in membership, as it did not occur during last year, as stated. As an explanation, I desire to state that my predecessor carried three large Encampments which had not reported for three or more terms; namely, Nos. 5, 6 and 28. Instead of reporting 9 Encampments, he reported 12, and must have reported the membership that they last reported. Since my administration, Nos. 3 and 10, two prominent Encampments, failed to report, and I have not entered them in my report to you. We have organized one very flourishing Encampment, Cyclone, No. 31, at Wesson, Copiah county. They have a membership of 33. I omitted to mention that 2 more Encampments, Nos. 9 and 20, were in a dormant condition when I took charge of this office; but, after persistent efforts, they reported, and paid percentage during the session, at Starkville, May 1st, 1888, hence the delay in my

report to you. As I do not believe in guesswork, I give you figures as they actually exist. We have really gained in the last 12 months, instead of losing, although the return to you does not show it, but the printed proceedings for 1888 will bear me out. Though the report looks gloomy, I have hopes for the future, not alone in the Lodge, but in this branch of our beloved Order. Thank Heaven, for the first time, in years, the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment are in sound financial condition. I hope to be able to revive 3 Encampments shortly. Prominent members are now at work, and we will soon recover our lost prestige, only on a firmer basis will we stand hereafter."

With the report of the Grand Lodge, showing a loss of 174 members, received June 4th, Bro. C. C. Ross, Grand Secretary, wrote:

"Whoever made the return for 1886, made quite an error in membership, as I get my figures from the returns of that year, and they show an error of 242. Our next report will, I think, be much better."

MISSOURI.—On the 16th of June, the reports of the Grand Lodge, showing a gain of 620, and Grand Encampment a loss of 185 members, were received from Bro. E. M. SLOAN, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who said:

"I am gratified to be able to report the Order in Missouri in better condition than for years past. Our members, young and old, are more zealous; new Lodges are being organized, and old ones are more active than formerly. As you will see, the increase in membership is creditable, and we are glad. Suspension for non-payment of dues continues here, as elsewhere, the great drawback, and it appears that no one is wise enough to name a remedy. If it were possible to make our Lodge so attractive as to interest the old and young alike, much of our annual loss would be stopped. We are indebted here, more to the 'Corps Work,' now being so generally introduced in the Order, than to any other one thing. While the Grand Encampment report shows a loss of members up to our last session, I am glad to say, since then, and up to the present date, this branch of the Order has been more prosperous than at any time since the war. Efforts of the last Grand Officers to create new interest were rewarded, but not until after the beginning of the present term; and we think we have good reason to say, the next report from this Grand Body will show a handsome increase."

MONTANA.—On the 19th of April, the returns of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting a gain of 130, and Grand Encampment a gain of 84 members, were received from Bro. A. J. WHITE, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"We have made a very fair showing in increase of membership, Lodges and Encampments, 3 being instituted in each branch of the Order; also 1 Rebekah Degree Lodge. One new Lodge has been instituted since the 1st of January, and 3 more are about ready to be instituted. Our death loss has been quite heavy in proportion to the membership. Last year 20 deaths were reported, while there were none in 1886."

NEBRASKA.—With the returns of the Grand Lodge, showing an increase of 549, and the Grand Encampment 149 members, received May 22d, Bro. D. A. CLINE, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, transmitted the following:

"I am a little late, as usual, and it will never be any better under our District Deputy system. Our Grand Bodies are popularly composed, and the legislation is dictated somewhat by popular impulse. The Order in this State, to-day, has as fair a promise before it as at any time in the past. You will see that in all the branches there have been quite encouraging gains, and I see no reason why this may not keep up in the future. The wave of improvement that commenced in the Order in recent years, is being felt here quite perceptibly. Excellence in work and in conduct, only needs to be seen, to awaken an appreciation. To be adopted and put in practice, even imperfectly, increases self-respect, and through it reaches the outer world and adds character to the Order, and its permanent conquests. The increase of wealth, enables the Lodges to have better accommodations, better regalia, and the means for more elevat-

ing entertainment. The Rebekah Degree is doing better than it ever did; a larger number of ladies are going into the Degree Lodges, and if the life exhibited shall prove to be a real growth, we may hope that the Rebekah branch will become an invaluable adjunct to the Order, and warrant the Sovereign Grand Lodge in doing still more for it;" and on the 26th of May he wrote: "I am happy to say that the Order in Nebraska is growing in wealth. The Subordinate Lodges, in numerous instances, have been taking advantage of an opportunity passing (the rapid increase in values of real estate), and have largely improved their exchequers. In several instances, values have doubled, over and over, in a short time. If the Order here does not become well-to-do, it will be a fault of short-sightedness."

NEVADA.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received March 17th, from Bro. B. F. WALLACE, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who wrote:

"I am happy to say that my prediction of last year is more than fulfilled. The Lodges show a net gain of 26, and this is the first time, since 1879, that the balance has been on the right side. From present indications, the year 1888 will show a much larger net gain. The Encampments show a loss of 27, and the Rebekah Degree Lodges also show a loss. I hope the next reports from this jurisdiction, will show a net gain in all branches."

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—The report of the Grand Encampment, showing a gain of 108 members, was received June 4th, and the Grand Lodge a gain of 446 members, June 14th, from Bro. JOSEPH KIDDER, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who thus advised:

"It will be seen that we not only hold our own, but have made a very respectable increase, during the year. The Patriarchal branch stands well in New Hampshire, and we may well rejoice at its prosperity. The outlook for the future is promising. It affords me great pleasure, I assure you, to record another year of prosperity in our Order in the Granite State. The Subordinate Lodges, Encampments, Rebekah Degree Lodges, and the Patriarchs Militant, achieved a satisfactory progress in their several departments, and never was the outlook more promising than now. It will be the purpose to keep our banner to the front, and at the same time to live, in large degree, the noble principles we profess. We occupy a much prouder position in the galaxy of Odd Fellowship, to-day, than at any previous period in our history, and it will be our purpose ever to maintain it. Whatever great or rapid strides other jurisdictions may make, you may always count on New Hampshire in the struggle to maintain the fraternal spirit in the land;" and on the 18th of June he wrote: "To-day I send you my Rebekah Degree annual report, by which you will see that this branch of the Order in New Hampshire, like all the others, is in a very gratifying condition. Our net gain exceeded that of the previous year, and it is pleasant to add, what does not appear in the return, that the Rebekahs are full of zeal in the degree and the Work of the Order generally. Thus far in the current year, we have organized 4 new Rebekah Degree Lodges, and have others in prospect. There is no doubt that 1888 will be a very prosperous year for the Order in New Hampshire. The work is not accomplished, however, without labor, sacrifice and fidelity."

NEW JERSEY.—The Grand Lodge report, showing a gain of 1,093, and Grand Encampment a gain of 109 members, were received May 28th, from Bro. LEWIS PARKER, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"I am pleased to report a gradual increase in all the elements that go to make up a strong and efficient jurisdiction. Our membership has increased, our charitable operations have enlarged, and, better than all, there seems to be a spirit developing itself, which proves that Odd Fellowship with us is a genuine, practical thing."

NEW MEXICO.—The returns of the Grand Lodge, at the time of sending this report to the printer, have not been received. This failure, we are informed, is not the fault of the present Grand Secretary, Bro. SAMUEL T. REED, but is

caused by the refusal of the former Grand Secretary, Bro. P. H. KUHN, (who was removed by the Grand Master), to surrender the books and papers of his office to his successor, to enable him to make a report to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. The returns of the 10 Subordinate Lodges from January 1st to September 7th, the date of the institution of the Grand Lodge, exhibit an aggregate net gain of 78 members. Raton Encampment, No. 5, was instituted at Raton, January 4th, 1888. The returns of three Encampments, (No. 3 failed to report), show an aggregate net gain of 16 members. Bro. A. C. SLOAN, District Deputy Grand Sire, on the 8th of June wrote:

"We have 5 Encampments in New Mexico; 2 of the 5 are in a poor condition, barely struggling along, but I hope they will soon have new life instilled into them. The others are in a prosperous condition, and their future looks bright. I instituted one of them during the year. We have the necessary number of Subordinates to entitle us to a Grand Encampment, but considering the poor condition of two of them, I do not feel justified in making the attempt. I am in hopes, by another year, we will have one or two more Encampments, and then we will feel justified in applying for a Grand Encampment."

On the 13th of August, the returns of the Grand Lodge arrived, with a letter from Bro. A. C. SLOAN, Grand Master, dated August 8th, as follows:

"You do not know how much trouble and anxiety our late Grand Secretary, Bro. KUHN, and our late Grand Treasurer, Bro. JAMES T. NEWHALL, have given me. I have been much distressed because our report has not gone to you before this, and hope you can get the information in your tables, yet, without much trouble. Bro. REED is doing his best under great difficulties, as Bro. KUHN still holds the books, etc., of the Grand Lodge."

NEW YORK.—The report of the Grand Encampment, showing a loss of 11 members, was received March 9th, and the Grand Lodge report, exhibiting an increase of 2,504 in membership, was received May 28th, from Bro. JAMES TERWILLIGER, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who wrote:

"I think we have done well, but we expect to do better this year."

NORTH CAROLINA.—The report of the Grand Lodge, showing a gain of 4 members, came to hand May 21st. Bro. B. H. WOODELL, Grand Secretary, wrote as follows:

"I am glad to be able to say, that the outlook in our jurisdiction is much more encouraging than it has been for several years. Our gain the past year, would more properly be 105, than simply as it is, but for the fact that we dropped 99 from the roll, in Lodges which had not been working for several years. The suspensions for non-payment of dues *proper*, were only 57 in a membership of over 1,100. This is very unusual and shows a healthy condition. With the work we intend putting in this year, we will show a gain of several hundred. We intend to come out of the 'slough of despond,' and place the Order in the front, where it ought to be."

With the report of the Grand Encampment, received June 18th, showing a loss of 3 members, Bro. T. W. BLAKE, Grand Scribe, wrote:

"I believe we are prospering, although our report does not show it. We have revived some of the Encampments, as we have had several that are behindhand. I think we are kindling up, and before long I hope all Encampments will be at work again."

OHIO.—The report of the Grand Encampment was received May 8th, from Bro. JAMES ANDERTON, Grand Scribe. A gain of 455 members is noted.

On the 23d of May, the report of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting an increase of 1,537 members, was received from Bro. WILLIAM CHIDSEY, Grand Secretary, with the following:

"It affords me much pleasure to be able to report, that the past year was a prosperous one for the Order in Ohio. The Grand Master instituted 7 Subordinate Lodges, and 27 Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah. With very few exceptions, all the Lodges have exhibited a great desire to increase their mem-

bership from the young men of our State, by presenting before them the *Order* in its social aspect, with public dedications, installations and other entertainments of that character, and with the aid of the Daughters of Rebekah, who have done so much to advance the social relations of Odd Fellowship, and the display element introduced by the establishment of the Patriarchs Militant, much of the increased interest in the Order must be attributed, and consequently a large addition to its active membership, has been the result."

ONTARIO.—Bro. M. D. DAWSON, Grand Scribe, in transmitting the Grand Encampment report, showing a gain of 87 members, received May 9th, advised:

"While we show a small increase in membership, it is not as large as the importance of the institution demands. A few very weakly Encampments, in small places, never very energetic, have succumbed. A lively interest is now taken in different localities, in the Subordinate Lodges, in 'team work,' which is yielding good results, and is also reviving interest in the Encampment branch. The Cantons throughout the country are also fairly prosperous, so that we trust the current year may produce a more favorable increase."

On the 15th of June, the report of the Grand Lodge, showing a gain of 497 members, was received from Bro. J. B. KING, Grand Secretary, with the following:

"I am delighted to report the Order in Ontario as flourishing most satisfactorily. The new features introduced by the 'team work' have added great attractions to our meetings; have resulted in greater interest in the Work, and greatly increased the attendance at our Lodges. That the Patriarchs Militant have helped us very much cannot be doubted, as that branch of the Order has attracted to it many of our most ardent workers. Our promises to our members, 'to visit the sick,' etc., have been sacredly kept, and the suffering and anxiety that have been relieved in our caring for the sick, alone, have added greatly to our popularity. About a year ago, one of our Lodges thought that they would close up the Lodge in an unorthodox manner, and simply divide the funds (nearly $2,000) between the few (about 13) who remained. Last year, the Grand Lodge directed that legal measures be taken to vindicate the laws of the Order, and of our country as well, and this was promptly done, with the result that the Brothers had to restore the money, books, etc., and pay all costs, so that the fact is established in law, as well as in equity, that '*Lodge funds are trust funds.*'"

OREGON.—The report of the Grand Encampment, showing a loss of 35 members, caused by the transfer of 78 members of Encampments in British Columbia, to the Grand Encampment of Washington, was received April 30th, and the Grand Lodge report, showing a gain of 123 members, was received April 21st. Bro. J. M. BACON, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, wrote:

"There seems to have been rather more interest in Rebekah Lodges than has been the case heretofore."

PENNSYLVANIA.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received May 25th, from Bro. JAMES B. NICHOLSON, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. The reports exhibit an increase of 3,330 in Lodge and 46 in Encampment membership.

No special information accompanied the returns, but from the report of the Grand Scribe to the Grand Encampment at the session, May, 1888, the following is extracted:

"The reports of the Encampments vary according to the diligence, or the apathy, that characterizes their members. In some there is a large and gratifying increase, but this is overcome by the losses in others, growing out of their lethargy and bad management. A more general activity would result in more general good, and would increase the means of usefulness and strengthen the benign influences of the Order. How to arouse the sluggish and awaken the dormant, is the great problem in the Encampments. In the meantime, all honor and praise to those Patriarchs who are not only keeping their Encampments alive, but attractive, and abreast of all the best influences of the day.

"The attention of the Patriarchs is again called to the advantages of establishing Cantons of Patriarchs Militant, in order to attract and interest young men in the Work of the Patriarchal branch of the Order. The Encampments, as a rule, do not figure well in public displays, hence the necessity of adding to the attractiveness of the higher branch of the Order, to add to the membership and to increase the usefulness of the Encampments. With a well-officered Canton at Allentown, there would no doubt have been a display that would have been beneficial to the Encampments in this section.

"Notwithstanding all that has been done, we have a great deal more yet to do before we can even perceive an indication of the realization of the objects of this fraternal organization. The older Encampments need to be turned from the continued depletion of their treasuries, to an ample provision for future demands, and we all need more intensity in the moral and intellectual forces that operate upon our minds, as individuals, and as component parts of the great mass of humanity. We require a greater receptivity of the benign teachings of our Ritual, more devotion to the principles of the Order; and in order to even begin to accomplish our great mission of benefaction to the human race, we need more LOVE, more of the spirit of HIM who went about doing good."

QUEBEC, CANADA.—The report of the Grand Lodge, for the year 1887, has not been received, notwithstanding repeated requests to Bro. HENRY A. JACKSON, Grand Secretary, to transmit the report, and no answers were received in reply to the several letters.

Montreal Encampment, No. 1, is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Ontario.

RHODE ISLAND.—The returns of the Grand Lodge, showing a gain of 156, and Grand Encampment a gain of 49 members, came to hand March 17th, from Bro. WILLIAM H. T. MOSLEY, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. No special advice was furnished. This jurisdiction suffered a severe affliction by the death of Bro. WILLIAM S. JOHNSON, Grand Representative, on the 6th day of December, 1887.

SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA.—Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 1, was instituted May 2d, at Battleford, Saskatchewan District, Northwest Territories of Canada. Bro. HARTLEY GISBORNE, evidently the originator of the Lodge, was elected Noble Grand, and evinces great enthusiasm in the work, and interest in the success of the Lodge, which he describes as located in "longitude 108° 50′, latitude 53°, the most northern Lodge in the world; 312 miles distant from the nearest Lodge, about 200 of which we have to travel by buck-board; 200 miles from the railroad, and the nearest town is 160 miles east of Battleford." On the 19th of May, Bro. GISBORNE advised: "There is every prospect of having a Lodge of thirty or more members by January 1st, 1889; it is already popular here." On the 17th of July, Bro. W. G. NEILSON, Secretary, wrote: "Our regalia arrived in splendid order, and we are well pleased with it. New members are coming in every night, and we expect soon to have a membership of 25 or 30."

SOUTH CAROLINA.—On the 21st of May, the report of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting a loss of 78 members, was received from Bro. ROBERT C. STARR, Grand Secretary. The report shows a deduction of 92 members for "errors in former reports," but for which, a gain of 14 members, the actual increase, would be shown. The Grand Secretary said:

"You will see that there has been a numerical error for the last five or six years. I have worked it out, and will endeavor to keep the record correct."

The Charter of the Grand Encampment was surrendered, and May 28th, 1888, the Charter; record-book from June 30th, 1880, to May 13th, 1885; cash-book, February 7th, 1881, to January 10th, 1888, and 2 Grand Encampment degree-books, edition of 1874, were received at this office, with the following:

Charleston, May 21st, 1888.

THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—By direction this day received from the Grand Sire, under date of May 18th, we send you the seal [only an impression of the seal came], books, papers and Charter of the late Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F., of South Carolina; also the following list of the Encampments in this jurisdiction, together with their names, location and membership, according to their last returns:

Ashley, No. 3, Charleston, term ending June, 1881, reported 9 members.
Greenville, No. 6, Greenville, term ending June, 1884, reported 11 members.
Chicora, No. 9, Charleston, term ending December, 1887, reported 22 members.
Ridgely, No. 11, Graniteville, term ending December, 1885, reported 10 members.

We sincerely regret being compelled to do this, but there is no hope now

Fraternally yours,

J. E. MEYER, *late Grand Patriarch.*
ROBERT C. STARR, *late Grand Scribe.*

TENNESSEE.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received, June 21st, from Bro. JOHN R. HARWELL, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. Gains of 6 in Lodge and 24 in Encampment membership are noted. Bro. HARWELL wrote:

"During the past year, we have made little or no progress numerically, but the Order is looking up and gaining in the essential elements of good Odd Fellowship. We are by no means discouraged."

TEXAS.—The report of the Grand Encampment, indicating a gain of 8 members, was received February 27th, from Bro. L. F. DE LESDERNIER, Grand Scribe. The Grand Lodge report was received, March 17th, from Bro. T. L. WREN, Grand Secretary. A loss of 74 members is noted.

UTAH.—The Grand Lodge report, showing a gain of 36 members, was received May 16th, from Bro. H. F. EVANS, Grand Secretary. On the 9th of February, Bro. LOUIS HYAMS, then Grand Secretary, stated:

"We instituted a Subordinate Lodge at Sandy, last month, and if all goes well, we will have 10 Subordinates before the next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge."

Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, was instituted at Bingham, September 17th, 1887, and Uinta Encampment, No. 5, was instituted at Ogden, September 30th, 1887. The Grand Encampment of Utah was instituted at Salt Lake City February 22d, 1888. Encampments Nos. 1 and 2 reported to the Grand Encampment of California. The reports of No. 3, from June 11th; No. 4, from September 17th; No. 5, from September 30th, to December 31st, 1887, show an aggregate of 62 members.

VERMONT.—The report of the Grand Encampment, exhibiting a gain of 80 members, was received March 29th, from Bro. JOSEPH K. EGERTON, Grand Scribe.

The Grand Lodge report, indicating an increase of 206 in membership, came to hand August 6th, from Bro. HARRY E. PARKER, Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.—With the report of the Grand Lodge, received March 15th, Bro. T. WILEY DAVIS, Grand Secretary, wrote:

"In forwarding you the annual report from this jurisdiction, for 1887, I experience decided gratification by reason of our increased numbers. The Order has had its usual difficulties to contend with—that is, the large number of insurance associations offering peculiar inducements to our young men; but we have not only held our own, but have added 290 to our membership. Our receipts compare favorably with past years, while the amount disbursed for relief, shows that those who have claims upon that fund are not neglected. We feel greatly encouraged to persevere in the work of the Order."

The report of the Grand Encampment was received May 26th, from Bro. A. T. BURR, Grand Scribe, with the following:

"The Patriarchal branch of the Order, in Virginia, is in a healthier condition than it has been for years. There has been a net increase of 38 in 1887, and in 1888, we think, more than 100 will be added to our ranks."

WASHINGTON.—On the 1st of May, the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received, with the following from Bro. LE F. A. SHAW, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe:

"You will note that we are still making good progress, the year showing an increase of 6 Subordinate and 6 Rebekah Degree Lodges, an increase in membership of 259 in the Subordinate and 154 in the Rebekah Lodges. Since January 1st, 1888, 3 new Subordinates and 1 new Rebekah Degree Lodge have been instituted. The increase in membership in Subordinate Lodges is 14 per cent. The amount of receipts is $3,462.39 greater than the previous year, while our expenses for the same time were $2,654.15 less. The average receipts, per member, were $21.10, disbursements, $9.95, and disbursements, per member for *benefits*, have been but $2.25. The Patriarchal branch has been equally progressive, the report showing an increase of 142 members, and while this branch of our Order does not grow as rapidly as the Subordinate, nevertheless the increase is healthy, and indicates a desire, on the part of the members of the Lodges, to obtain a knowledge of the mysteries of the higher degrees. I can assure you, that the jurisdiction of Washington will always be found with those who take the principles of Odd Fellowship as their guide, and strive to properly inculcate them."

WEST VIRGINIA.—Bro. H. A. UTHMAN, Grand Scribe, with the report of the Grand Encampment, received March 13th, furnished the following:

"You will see, by our report, that we lost 1 Encampment, but made an increase of 17 members. We have instituted 2 new Encampments since January 1st, and, from present indications, we will have an increase in membership this year, as there appears to be a revival in the Order. We are getting rid of the old drones, and new life is being infused into the membership."

The Grand Lodge report was received March 31st, from Bro. E. A. BILLINGSLEA, Grand Secretary, who advised as follows:

"It gives me great pleasure to call your attention to our increase of 275 members, during the past year. Taking into consideration the many drawbacks under which we labor, I think you will agree with me in saying 'well done, West Virginia.' I think I can promise you, that our increase will be greater this year than last; especially will this be so in the Rebekah branch, as much interest is being manifested in that degree."

WISCONSIN.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received April 28th, from Bro. L. B. HILLS, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. Losses of 169 in Lodge, and 91 in Encampment membership, are noted.

WYOMING.—On the 22d of March, the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received from Bro. W. H. AMESBURY, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"I am pleased to report that the Order in this jurisdiction is in a healthy condition. During the past year, we have gained 1 Lodge and 1 Encampment, and although that may seem small to members in large jurisdictions, still it is a mark of our onward progress. While the gain in membership, (32 in Lodge and 36 in Encampment), is not large, it shows a steady increase, and that we are not dormant nor retrograding. You will notice that the number of Lodges and Encampments remains the same as last year. This is accounted for by the consolidation of Wildey Lodge, No. 10, with Cheyenne Lodge, No. 1, and Harmony Encampment, No. 3, with Hope Encampment, No. 2. There are good prospects for a new Lodge and Encampment in the near future."

FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS.

AUSTRALASIA.—Twenty letters have been received from this important jurisdiction during the year. Bro. J. C. SMITH, Grand Secretary of the Grand

Lodge of Australasia, has favored us with letters dated September 5th, September 6th, October 3d, November 1st, December 26th, 1887, January 24th, May 14th, July 10th, 1888. The first letter refers to the resolutions on pages 19 and 20, Journal of Grand Lodge of Australasia, on the "Third Degree Question." As the resolutions will be found on page 10,767, Journal of 1887, they need not be repeated; but it seems proper to insert the following, which was also adopted: "That it be an instruction to the Executive of this R. W. Grand Lodge to forward the necessary petition, in compliance with the resolution just carried, as soon as the necessary power be received from the Subordinate Grand Lodges." Bro. SMITH also said: "I shall, at all times, be pleased to furnish you with any returns or information you wish for concerning our Order in Australasia, and hope you will not hesitate to command me if necessary." The letter of October 3d transmitted corrected statistics of the Order in Australasia, but arrived too late to enable alterations to be made in the tables, pages 10,762, 10,763, Journal; but the amended report was inserted on page 11,078. He explains the discrepancy as follows: "I think the figures Grand Sire GANE received from New Zealand and South Australia, were only approximate." He also said: "The Order is waking up a little lately. The Grand Lodge of Victoria has instituted 2 new Lodges; Tasmania, 2; New South Wales, 1, with another in prospect. South Australia and New Zealand are dull at present, on account of commercial depression." On the 1st of November he wrote: "I am, at the present moment, favored with a visit from our Grand Sire, Bro. WILLIAM D. MCKEE, who joins me in kind regards to you and our American Brethren." The letter of December 26th acknowledged receipt of Pass Words for 1888; certified copy of report of Committee on Foreign Relations at last session, and action thereon, and he also said: "It is my painful duty to inform you of the death of Bro. WILLIAM STIRLING, Past Grand Sire, who was accidentally drowned while bathing in the river Murray. He was one of the best men the Order has had in Australasia. Amongst our Brotherhood he was deservedly loved, and as a business man and citizen universally respected. A true friend and a genuine Odd Fellow, we could ill afford to lose so good a man. The Brethren here are delighted at the generous consideration shown us at the late session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge." On the 24th of January he wrote: "Victoria has suffered another loss in the death of Grand Secretary, Bro. HUGH ROSS, Past Grand Master. He was always a very ardent worker in the cause of Odd Fellowship. Owing to a serious illness some three or four years ago, his health has not been good, and now, when sickness laid him up, a few days sufficed to carry him off. A large gathering of Odd Fellows assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to the remains of HUGH ROSS, who had served the Order faithfully. 'Peace to his ashes.' At a special meeting of the Standing Committee of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, I was unanimously elected Grand Secretary. The second quinquennial investigation into the affairs of the I. O. O. F., in Victoria, has just been completed by the Government Actuary, and shows that the Order can pay 20*s.* 2*d.* for every 20*s.* of liabilities." May 14th, he said: "As there seems a slight sign of revival amongst the Encampments, kindly send me 25 charge-books. I send you Journal Grand Lodge of Victoria, with the Government Actuary's report on the condition of the Order. In Australasia, except in Victoria, the Order is not doing well at present. Commercial depression appears to be the principal cause, but in my letters to the several jurisdictions lately, I have advised them to keep a good heart and the tide will turn some day. In Victoria all is couleur-de-rose, and the exact reverse of the other colonies. We are taking advantage of the universal prosperity here, and pushing out into fresh districts, establishing new Lodges with success. Have instituted three since last session, with a good prospect for several more within a few weeks. I expect to send to you by next mail, the petition for our amended Charter, having only to get the consent of New Zealand." In the last letter at hand, dated July 10th, received August 11th,

Grand Secretary SMITH said: "I have, unfortunately, not been able to send on petition to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for amended Charter, owing to not yet having received the consent from the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. I have been advised that it was only waiting the Grand Master's signature, but for some unexplained reason, it has not been sent to me. I find there is a mail leaving Melbourne in a few days from now, which would afford time for letters, etc., to reach you before your annual session, and I hope I may yet be able to forward petition. The Victoria jurisdiction is still on a wave of prosperity, but I am sorry to say the Order in the other Colonies is not increasing. Bro. MICHAEL KIDSTON, Past Grand Sire, who, we hoped, would have been able to attend this year's session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, is obliged to postpone his trip until next year, his business at present, (owing to the death of a managing clerk), requiring all his attention. I am looking forward to meeting some of our American Brethren at our great Centennial Exhibition, during the next few months, which promises to bring us visitors from all parts of the world. Bro. MCKEE, Grand Sire, joins with me in fraternal greetings to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and hopes the coming session will be a happy and prosperous one."

The following statistics (converted from pounds, shillings and pence into dollars and cents) accompanied the letter:

GRAND LODGE OF AUSTRALASIA.

Returns for year ending December 31st, 1887.

JURISDICTION.	Number of Lodges.	Number of Members.	Subordinate Lodge funds.	Sick pay for the year.
Victoria	59	6,739	$167,452 17	$24,579 25
New South Wales	60	4,964	49,545 60	18,596 06
*South Australia (33 adults, 9 juveniles.)	42	2,881	41,819 17	9,697 45
New Zealand	26	1,181	†	†
Tasmania	8	742	9,585 87	2,226 19
Totals	195	16,507	$268,402 81	$55,098 95

* Returns to June 30th, 1887. † No returns for 1887.

JURISDICTION.	Funeral claims.	BURIED.		Grand Lodge funds.
		Members.	Wives.	
Victoria	$7,437 18	57	36	$103,077 35
New South Wales	3,900 00	30	18	36,099 00
South Australia	2,537 50	20	12	23,628 60
New Zealand	650 00	4	5	21,650 13
Tasmania	400 00	2	4	6,080 83
Totals	$14,924 68	113	75	$190,535 91

J. C. SMITH, *Grand Secretary.*

Melbourne, Australia, July 10th, 1888.

Bro. HUGH Ross, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, in letter of December 7th, 1887, applied for information on the subject of eligibility for office, and he was referred to the laws in Digest.

Bro. ALFRED LEANE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, furnished letters dated Adelaide, August 17th, November 26th, 1887; February 20th, March 17th, May 12th, July 9th, 1888. In his first letter, Bro. LEANE advised that "in consequence of a new 'Act of Incorporation,' passed by our South Australia Parliament last year, incorporating nine societies besides our own, we shall have to revise our Constitution and Rules, and our Grand Lodge will remain in session until November. I am of opinion that provision will be made for holding our annual sessions, after 1888, in March, instead of August, as now. This will be much more convenient, as returns for the Grand Lodge of Australasia, and our S. A. Government, must be made to December 31st, each year, and it will be better if our financial year ends at that time, instead of June 30th, as now. Our Jubilee International Exhibition is a great success; our Colonial revenue is increasing; our silver mines are yielding largely. Rich diamonds, garnets and rubies, in large numbers, have been found in the interior, and the prospect for a good harvest was never brighter than now. Money is cheaper by two per cent; confidence is being restored, and it is generally believed that a brighter day for South Australia has dawned." All of the letters are very interesting, conveying valuable information concerning the country, the condition and prospects of the Order, and the desire to establish the Patriarchs Militant in the Colony. The Lieutenant-General commissioned Bro. LEANE as Lieutenant Colonel, and invested him with authority to organize a Canton at Adelaide. May 12th, Bro. LEANE wrote: "I am very grateful for my new distinction, and will endeavor to justify the General's and your confidence. I hope, by next mail, to be able to apply for a Warrant to *muster;* but doing anything of this kind is very tedious work here. Not many of our Brethren are fully imbued with the spirit of the thing, and those who are, have great difficulties and prejudices to combat. We are, however, making some progress, and I fully believe we shall ultimately succeed. We are not making much progress in the Order, just now. The principal silver fields are just beyond our borders and are taking away our members, as fast as we make them. Our financial progress is steady; the Patriarchal branch is growing in favor, and I expect to institute a new Encampment in a few days." In letter of July 9th, he said: "I have not yet succeeded in getting enough candidates to apply for a Warrant for a Canton, but hope, ere long, to succeed. The silver fields are still drawing away many of our members. As these fields are principally in the New South Wales territory, and that jurisdiction has not established any Lodges in that section, the members removing there, are practically lost to South Australia. The population of the towns in the silver region is growing very rapidly, but Sydney is a great distance from the field, which is practically inaccessible except through South Australia. We are in direct railway communication with 'Broken Hill,' and would have very little difficulty in organizing Lodges in that vicinity. To-morrow night we shall institute a new Lodge, No. 34, when we hope to see more than fifty candidates present for initiation. The Lodge will be named after our esteemed Brother, the late Past Grand Sire STIRLING."

A letter from Bro. H. H. GREENE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, dated Sydney, November 1st, 1887, inclosed a Withdrawal Card for a Brother residing in Chicago, as requested in letter from this office, August 25th, and advised that "this is the *third* card issued by Granville Lodge, the former having been sent to the Brother's address, Chicago P. O. There appears to be some irregularity in the postal system." Referring to the session of the Grand Lodge of Australasia, he said: "I am pleased to say that the meeting has undoubtedly bound the Colonies together by stronger fraternal ties than hitherto existed, and the warm feeling of affection, manifested throughout the session, for our American Brethren, was an unmistakable evidence of the

desire of the Colonial Jurisdictions to maintain our relations with your people. I am in receipt of reports, and am looking for your daily record, which is read with great interest here. I am sorry to inform you that the great wave of depression has caused a slight retrogression in this Colony, but it is believed that we shall be able to make up, in the course of the ensuing year, the losses sustained. On the 9th of November, we shall dedicate a new hall at Newtown, near Sydney; another temple devoted to the noble cause of Odd Fellowship. The Lodge has, in the face of great difficulties, erected a beautiful edifice, thereby raising another monument in honor of the institution in whose welfare we are all so deeply concerned."

Bro. GEORGE GOOD, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge af Tasmania, in communications dated Launceston, November 28th, 1887, and March 19th, 1888, said: "I long for the time to receive your Journal of Proceedings, for the books contain so much information that they assist us much in our little jurisdiction;" and in the March letter, acknowledging receipt of Journals, he wrote: "Please accept my best thanks for Journals and 'Companions,' as we gain much information from them. As we have not had a visit from a Grand Officer of any other jurisdiction, since the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, in 1882, we find the Journals of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of great assistance."

Bro. WILLIAM REID, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, in letter of December 29th, 1887, remitting $5.76, realized from sale of lithographs of the Ridgely Monument, wrote: "The depression, which has so long hung over these islands, still continues (in fact appears to intensify), and, as a result, our industrial population is leaving us to find work in other Colonies, which they vainly seek here. Therefore, our Lodges are being depleted of the very cream of their membership, the young and enterprising, as a rule, departing from us. We are, however, holding our own, and hope that, with better fiscal legislation, to encourage our industries, we shall soon be able to offer such inducements that a reflux of population will take place and restore the members we have lost, many of whom have taken only Visiting Cards, expecting to return. There is no doubt that with our excellent climate, teeming soil and limitless natural resources, New Zealand should be far ahead of any of the other Colonies south of the line, and would be, but for the legislation in past years. We continue spreading the Order here, slowly but steadily, having three new Lodges on the tapis, one of them in an entirely new district, which we have hitherto earnestly, but vainly sought to enter. The Sovereign Grand Lodge legislation of last session, as regards Australasia, has, I think, found favor with all of us, and the result will be the drawing closer of the 'tie which binds' us to our great Brotherhood in America. Some of your members appear to regard the Australian jurisdiction as a very doubtful one, but the time will come when it will be of great importance. Besides, the world is every day getting smaller by reason of easy communication, and at no distant date you may be able to bring us into closer relations by granting Australasia representation in your council"

Special efforts have been made, by the early transmission of Reports, Journals, etc., to cultivate the most fraternal relations possible, with the authorities of the several Grand Bodies in Australasia, and that the time and care devoted to this purpose have not been wasted, the letters received, fully attest. At no time, heretofore, has such a feeling of true fraternity, and devotion to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, been manifested in that country, as within the past year.

CHILE.—Three letters, dated Valparaiso, September 3d, October 1st, 1887, January 5th, 1888, have been received from Bro. THOMAS J. GONZALES, Grand Master. In the first he said: "I feel grateful for the encouraging words you send, and still believe that I shall be able to draw the Order out of the lamentable condition in which I find it. It is indispensable that we bring back the many Brethren who have left us in the past years, and make them permanently loyal to our banner. As I have said, the state of the Order is bad, and the

only hope I have is, that it will, from its own inherent strength, get better. Iberica Lodge, No. 12, is in bad condition, having very few members. Santiago Lodge has not had its officers installed, not for lack of members, for they have from 25 to 30 Brothers; but for actual want of capable men to elect to office. Some excuse themselves for want of time; others because they do not speak the Spanish language fluently. There is now only one Lodge in Coquimbo, and it cannot work for want of a place to meet. The Brother who accepted the appointment to institute the Lodge at Valdivia, went to Concepcion and instructed the Lodge in a proper manner. Caronel Lodge officers have not been installed, in consequence of the absence from the country of the Brother elected Noble Grand. Such, my Brother, is all I can say about the Order in Chile. D. D. Grand Sire MOSER is dying." On the 1st of October he wrote: "I have the painful announcement to make of the death of Bro. ROBERT MOSER, D. D. Grand Sire, who was buried with the honors of the Order. Next week, I think of visiting Concepcion, where I expect to meet the Brother who desires to establish a Lodge in Valdivia, and I will do all in my power to further the project." The delay complained of in letter of January 5th, is not the fault of the Grand Sire or Grand Secretary, as the announcement of the death of Bro. MOSER was received November 22d, and the commission to his successor, Bro. HOLM, was sent on the 25th. In the letter of January 5th, referred to, received March 16th, Bro. GONZALES said: "I received your letter, that I had waited for with much anxiety, and at the same time received a letter and package, to my care, for Bro. CARLOS J. HOLM. The appointment, by the Grand Sire, of Bro. HOLM has been much delayed in its arrival, so that Andes Lodge, No. 7, to which I and the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. BOBILLIER, belong, had ceased to work. Three days before, I transferred the superintendence of the Order to our remaining officer, Grand Warden GANTER. I retire exhausted from the struggle, and relinquish, with much regret, the pleasure of opening the Lodge at Valdivia, which is to work in German, and the preliminaries for which are well advanced. I have especially recommended to Bros. HOLM and GANTER to give proper aid and encouragement to the new Lodge, Concepcion, No. 11, which, I think, promises to become firmly established. Coquimbo Lodge is not working, apparently from fault of location. Iberica Lodge, No. 12, has also ceased to work, more, I believe, on account of internal dissensions than for want of funds or members. I hope Bro. HOLM, who is one of the best-intentioned and most enthusiastic Brothers that the Order possesses, may be more successful than I have been, though I greatly fear that he will not. It does not require much wisdom to determine that the cause of the decrease of the Order in Chile must be attributed to the bad elements that were admitted when it was introduced into the country."

Bro. CARLOS J. HOLM, D. D. Grand Sire, in letter of January 27th, acknowledging receipt of commission, said: "I will make an effort to advance the Order in Chile. I have installed the officers of Valparaiso, No. 1, and Pacific, No. 2, and have authorized Bro. MENDELL to install the officers of Concepcion, No. 11. The above are the only working Lodges in Chile at present. I hope to open a Lodge in Valdivia soon. I have not been able to get the keys from Bro. LEIGHTON, Grand Secretary, in order to make an inventory of the stock in the office of the Grand Lodge of Chile. The funds ($252.00 Chilian currency) are in my hands, and as soon as I ascertain the indebtedness I will pay it, if legal, and forward the balance to you, with the dues of the Subordinates, reports, inventory of books, papers, etc. I am sorry to say that the Order in Chile has degenerated ever since the Grand Lodge commenced working in the Spanish language. I think, now that the Subordinates are under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the Order will advance. Andes, No. 7, and Iberica, No. 12, have not held meetings since September, 1887. In due time, I will request them to surrender to me their Charters, regalia, books, papers and funds, if any. I have also written to Coquimbo, to learn if

they will be able to work, offering all the aid in my power, and, in case they cannot hold meetings, requested them to surrender the Charter and effects." In letter of March 16th, he wrote: "The Order is now working in complete harmony, and I expect, by next mail, to apply for a Charter for a new Lodge in the South." He requested Charters for Valparaiso, No. 1; Pacific, No. 2; Concepcion, No. 3, the only Lodges working, and was informed that the Lodges did not need new Charters; that Nos. 1 and 2 ought to be in possession of the original Charters issued from this office, etc. It will be observed that in letter of January 27th, Concepcion is designated No. 11; in the present letter, No. 3. He also advised: "I have not received anything belonging to the office of D. D. Grand Sire, as the executor of the estate of Bro. MOSER has been absent from the city. On his return, the last of this month, I will endeavor to get the papers, etc., and send an inventory of the same to you, together with an inventory of the Grand Lodge property, soon as it comes into my possession." He inclosed $100, and the amount, in the absence of information as to the disposition of the money, was placed to the credit of the Grand Lodge of Chile. In letter of May 4th, Bro. HOLM stated that Bro. LEIGHTON had not delivered the keys of the Grand Lodge safe, consequently the promised inventory could not be furnished. This letter is an *informal* petition for a Charter for Germania Lodge, No. 4, at Valdivia, and the Grand Sire concluded to authorize the Warrant and trust to the District Deputy to forward proper papers. The Charter fee, $30, was inclosed. The letter concludes: "The new Lodge will work in German. I have great hope that the Order will now progress; the Chilian element was not of any benefit to the institution."

In view of the present situation, in this once flourishing jurisdiction, considerable space has been occupied in presenting the facts as reported. Although there is no evidence of a formal surrender of the Charter, etc., it cannot be doubted that the Grand Lodge of Chile is defunct.

It is remarkable, that while some letters have reached us within thirty-five days, others have been seventy-seven days coming from Valparaiso.

CUBA.—A voluminous correspondence with this jurisdiction is presented, twenty-five letters having been received from Bro. JOSE ANTONIO LOPEZ, D. D. Grand Sire, besides a few from other members of the Order. It is deemed unnecessary to submit extracts from all the letters, though they are interesting and exhibit, in detail, the complications existing in Cuba. Bro. LOPEZ, in letter of November 12th, 1887, said: "The Lodges are working regularly and harmoniously, and peace prevails throughout the membership. Lodge No. 7 has about 80 members, and $1,000 cash in its treasury. There is some talk of a Grand Lodge, and I am informed that action on this subject, will be taken in a short time." In subsequent letters he wrote: "There has been a disposition to organize new Lodges, but my experience leads me to believe it inexpedient. The Order is progressing; peace and harmony prevail in all the Lodges, and much good may be expected, if nothing strange occurs to mar our peace." "Dull times, in all branches of business, still exist, yet, notwithstanding the depression, we shall surely show, next year, a healthier condition and better organization than heretofore." "A gentleman from Sagua la Grande, a place some distance from Havana, is about to be initiated by one of our Lodges. He has a high opinion of the Order, and wants to open a Lodge at the place of his residence." On account of the action of the Grand Lodge of Florida, in relation to Cuba Lodge, No. 3, and Regla Lodge, No. 6, the Grand Sire issued a proclamation, June 18th, declaring the said Lodges to be under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and requiring reports, and money due to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, to be sent to the Grand Secretary. According to the letters of the Deputy, July 18th and August 1st, Cuba Lodge, No. 3, and Regla Lodge, No. 6, have not recognized him, and, so far as he could learn, were not disposed to obey the order of the Grand Sire. With his last letter he transmitted the "*Law of Association*" for Cuba, which was forwarded to the Grand Sire. He wrote: "There are now but 3 members on

the roll of America Lodge, No. 5." The returns to December 31st, 1887, exhibit a membership of 371, a gain of 42 during the year.

DENMARK.—Bro. A. HOLCK, Grand Master and D. D. Grand Sire for Sweden, has favored us with letters dated November 19th, November 22d, 1887, January 11th, February 29th, March 20th, June 27th, 1888, from which we learn that the Order is progressing slowly but steadily. It was designed to have an elaborate celebration at Copenhagen, on the 30th day of June, of the tenth anniversary of the introduction of the Order into Denmark, and as a great "Scandinavian celebration" in Copenhagen was also determined upon, Bro. HOLCK expressed a great desire to have the officers of the Sovereign Grand Lodge visit the city, assuring them of a hearty welcome.

We are without the returns from the Grand Lodge, consequently cannot present any statistics. Bro. J. HANSEN, D. D. Grand Sire, transmitted letters dated October 22d, November 20th, 1887; January 25th, July 28th, 1888. In his first letter he expressed gratification at the adoption of the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations, page 10,969, Journal, stating: "If possible for the Grand Sire to issue a Warrant for the Grand Lodge of Scandinavia, it would be of great importance to have the Charter presented on the 30th of June, on the occasion of a large celebration of our *ten years'* jubilee, for which great preparations have been made." In letter of November 20th, he desired to know if the Grand Sire could issue a Charter for an independent Grand Lodge, as indicated in the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations. To this, the Grand Sire replied. January 25th, with order for "Norwegian Rituals," to institute a Lodge March 1st, he said: "I hope before we need more, we shall have a new Grand Lodge, and a Ritual in a better Danish language than this." His letter of July 28th, inclosing the annual reports of the four Encampments; report and petition from Veritas Lodge, No. 2, Sweden; petition for the Grand Lodge of Scandinavia, and sundry papers, was received August 13th, so late that it was impossible to present the statistics of the Encampments in the tables of returns. He advised that he had sent the reports of the Grand Lodge (Subordinates and Rebekah), but they failed to reach this office. He also wrote: "The Order here is prospering. The great feast held June 30th, to celebrate the institution of the Order in Denmark, ten years ago, (June 29th, 1878,) was attended by 5,000 persons, and was highly praised by the press. We have now 25 Lodges."

FRANCE.—The report of Concorde Lodge, No. 1, to December 31st, 1887, exhibited 75 members. Bro. L. LEFEBVRE, D. D. Grand Sire, has furnished letters dated September 15th, October 28th, 1887; January 13th, February 4th, April 4th, May 4th, 1888. From his several letters the following extracts are presented: "A majority of the members of our Lodge are seafaring Brothers. We have been very strict in our selection, and few candidates have been initiated in less than a month after being proposed, as the least fault would stop the growth of the Order in a country where our name, even, is almost unknown. This complete ignorance of Odd Fellowship, is the great difficulty we have to contend with; indeed, I may say, the only difficulty, as few persons will join us, not knowing who we are and what our object is. We have to solicit persons we think worthy, explain to them our principles, overcome their hesitation, and show them that we are not a political, religious, or a disguised sort of Free Mason organization. Of course, although all our members are willing enough, few have the capacity and the time required to do good work. However, it is only a question of time, which may be shortened if help is given to us. We are making efforts to establish the Order in Rouen and Paris, through several of our Brothers, and I think success is assured, if we get the necessary assistance. Another disadvantage we labor under. is the want of books of information. Very few of our members can read English, and I would be very thankful if you send me a list of the books published in French, as well as the names of Lodges in different countries. If certain books were printed in English, the writer of this letter, Bro. I. DE JONCKHEERE, would

willingly translate them for us. I would like to know, also, if a French Odd Fellows' paper is published, as one would greatly help to instruct our Brethren. A petition for Lodge No. 2 will be sent soon. This Lodge will help, a great deal, in extending the Order, as the Charter members are all residents of this town and notable business men." "We make many mistakes, on account of our ignorance of the laws of the Order. Though all are willing to conform, we do not know when we are breaking a law. But for our English-speaking member, we would have gone wrong on many occasions." "The officers of the Lodge were installed January 12th, according to the imposing ceremony of our Ritual, and our members were very much pleased with the beauty of the Work, which was last night, for the first time, given in full." "Our Lodge would be in good financial condition if our expenses had not been so great and so useless, for we spent $800 in fitting up a Lodge-room that we cannot keep. The building we use was a warehouse, and is to be taken down in two years. We lost about 50 new members on account of our building, but the delay is only temporary; as soon as our situation will permit, we shall make a change."

GERMANY.—Bro. F. MEYENDORF, Grand Secretary, furnished letters dated August 28th, November 11th, November 15th, 1887; February 26th, March 7th, 1888. The first inclosed the statistics which will be found on page 11,078, Journal of 1887, and presented an interesting statement of the session of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire at Kiel, August 8th to 13th, and a visit by most of the Representatives to Copenhagen and Malmo, where they were cordially welcomed and generously entertained by the Brethren of Denmark and Sweden. Bro. MEYENDORF said: "This visit was a source of great pleasure and satisfaction to me, especially, as I had the honor, nine years ago, of instituting the first Lodge in Denmark." November 10th he wrote: "I have to transmit to you the very sad information that Bro. BERNHARD FLECK, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, died November 3d, after a short illness. He had been a member of the Body and Grand Treasurer since 1877, and by his death we have lost one of our most valuable and faithful officers. His untiring zeal for Odd Fellowship, has secured him a lasting memory in our hearts. On account of this sad event, Bro. ASCHERSON, Grand Sire, issued a proclamation to all Bodies under the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, directing them to drape their rooms in mourning for forty days. I attended the funeral in my official capacity." In letter of February 26th, the Grand Secretary expressed his regret that the visit of Bro. C. A. LOGAN, Past Grand Sire, to Berlin, was so short that he did not have an opportunity to get as well acquainted with him as he desired. He also said: "As regards the condition of the Order in Germany, I can only report favorably. It is progressing, slowly but surely. A very important place, Hamburg, has been regained, and in the course of the summer, a Lodge will be established there, as preparations for the institution are now being made by members of the Order." March 7th he wrote: "I herewith notify you that, March 6th, Bro. ASCHERSON resigned the position of Grand Sire, and the office therefore devolves on Bro. A. W. DILLINGER, Kreuz strasse, No. 8, Karlsruhe (Baden)." In letter of November 10th, 1887, Bro. MEYENDORF advised that on the 2d he had forwarded a box containing the proceedings of the August, 1887, session of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, and had paid the freight on the same to New York, the transportation company refusing to receipt to Columbus. The Journals were sent by order of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, one copy for each Grand Lodge, and Bro. MEYENDORF desired them distributed from this office. On the 7th of December, a letter was received from Messrs. STEGLICH & BAESE, New York, stating that the box was received, and inclosing a bill for *duty, appraisement*, etc., amounting to $10.55. The letter was answered immediately, and the parties were informed that the pamphlets, under the laws of Congress, were not subject to duty, and that in a similar case at Baltimore, where duty had been demanded, the authorities, on investigating the matter, had abandoned the claim. An offer was made to pay cartage and a reasonable amount for for-

warding. No reply was received to the letter, and Bro. MEDOLE was requested to call on the parties and endeavor to adjust the matter. He states that they declined to abate any part of their bill, and thus the matter rests. Bro. F. S. OSTHEIM, Past Grand Sire, forwarded four drawings of the new Odd Fellows' Hall, in Breslau, given to him, as he says, to dispose of as he thought proper, and he therefore sent them to this office. He regretted his inability to be present at the session in Denver, last September, but hopes to have the pleasure of meeting the Sovereign Grand Lodge some time in the near future.

MEXICO.—Sixteen letters have been received from Bro. W. J. DE GRESS, D. D. Grand Sire. December 19th, 1887, he wrote: "Bro. T. MASAC just left here for Ensenada, and will arrange to open the Lodge. Since the failure of the Odd Fellows' Benevolent Society of Chicago, we have met with poor success. Some of the Brothers have blamed me for the failure." January 23d he reported the installation of officers, and said: "The loss of 17 members of Ridgely Lodge. by suspension for non-payment of dues, was caused partly by the failure of the Chicago Odd Fellows' Benevolent Association, and, to some extent, by the return to the United States of conductors and engineers who were concerned in the last strike on the Central railroad. Our expenditure for relief was heavy last year. I hope to have a better exhibit of initiations next year. Juarez Lodge did better than Ridgely Lodge in initiations, and I hope they will continue and make a better record next year." February 9th, referring to the Dues and Benefits pamphlet, he said: "Our dues are $20.00 per annum; weekly benefits, $10.00; funeral benefits, $50.00; special relief is paid out of a special fund, composed of 10 per cent. of all funds on hand at the close of each year; all sick benefits refunded by Brethren, and dues paid by the Secretary, Treasurer, Outside and Inside Guardians, who are, by law, exempted from dues. In this fund we have, at this time, $200.00. Under these circumstances, I believe we have complied with the recommendations on page 20 of pamphlet." March 9th, he wrote in reference to organizing a Lodge at Camargo, Mexico, five miles from Rio Grande City, Texas; but as nothing more has been heard on the subject, it is probable that the project has been abandoned. He also expressed a desire to organize an Encampment, saying: "Something must be done to infuse new life into the Lodges, as, since the failure of the Chicago Odd Fellows' Benevolent Association, we have difficulty in getting members." His letter of April 3d inclosed a petition for the Encampment degrees. July 16th he wrote: "I shall try very hard to get to Los Angeles, during the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. The Encampment is getting along very well, and is giving new life to our Lodges." July 18th he wrote from Zacatecas, stating: "I have just had an interview with several old Odd Fellows, and they have come to the conclusion to ask for a Charter for a Lodge here. Would like to institute the Lodge before I leave for Los Angeles. I have arranged with Mr. A. C. MICHAELIS, General Passenger Agent, for a special rate for the members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge who wish to visit Mexico on their return from Los Angeles. On presentation of their return tickets at El Paso, they can get round trip tickets (special) from El Paso to City of Mexico and return, for $50.00." Of Zacatecas, he said: "All the principal merchants and the miners are foreigners. This is the richest mining district in this Republic, and is 706 miles from the City of Mexico. I find five members of the Order in this city, and will take two Brothers with me from the City of Mexico, to assist me in the institution." August 8th he advised that he had been sick, and said: "As soon as I am able to leave my house I will get the cards, have the application signed, etc. I shall leave here about 8th of September, so as to arrive at Los Angeles 16th."

Hidalgo Encampment, No. 1, was instituted at the City of Mexico. June 18th, 1888. The returns of the two Lodges, to December 31st, 1887, exhibit an aggregate membership of 83—a loss of 8 during the year.

NETHERLANDS.—Bro. J. HEN, D. D. Grand Sire, forwarded letters dated November 21st, 1887; February 17th, July 2d, 1888. In the first he wrote:

"The Order, I am glad to inform you, is advancing, and I hope, on the first day in the new year, to send petitions for two Lodges, one to be located in the city of Zutphen, the other in Amsterdam." February 17th, in transmitting the reports of the two Lodges, exhibiting an aggregate membership of 112, a gain of 10 for the year, he said: "Both Lodges are progressing, but there is much yet to do; the nature of the Dutchman is slow and steady. I send you a pamphlet, 'Schets Omtrent Doel, Wezen en Inrichting van Odd Fellowship,' issued by 'De Commissie van Propaganda der orde van Odd Fellowship in de Provinciesteden van Nederland,' and regret that, (as you do not understand the Dutch language,) you will be unable to read it. We hope and believe that the book will do much for the progress of our beloved Order in this country." On the 19th of July his letter of July 2d, with petition for Prins Hendrik Lodge, No. 3, to be located at Zutphen, was received. He wrote: "The two Lodges are working harmoniously, and are diligent in their efforts for the progress of the Order. Mount Sinai, No. 2, celebrated its tenth anniversary by having a banquet. The Propaganda Committee is encountering some difficulty, not from the outside world alone, but from old members. If the Lodge at Zutphen proves a success, the other districts in the Netherlands will want the institution, and the future of the Order is assured."

PERU.—The communications from Bro. F. L. CROSBY, D. D. Grand Sire, have been frequent, though not of a cheering character. The aggregate membership in the 3 Lodges, December 31st, 1887, was 138, the same as in 1886. The Encampment did not furnish a report. It appears that the meetings were suspended for several months, but on June 20th, Bro. CROSBY advised that meetings had been resumed, officers elected and installed. He said, in letter of September 10th, 1887: "Fortschritt Lodge, No. 3, is at work again, and, I hope, will have no further trouble. Lima Lodge has treated No. 3 very kindly, and offered them the use of the hall, free of rent, for six months, or until the Lodge is in a condition to pay again. The other Bodies are in good condition, but without any increase of members. There are plenty of Germans here, who could sustain a fine Lodge, but they will not do it." December 16th he wrote: "I hoped to open a Lodge to work in the Spanish language, but have been unable to carrry out the project. I have been taking a rest this term, though I am still High Priest of the Encampment. Next term I shall be more prompt in attendance and will try and encourage the Brethren in the work. The general state of our Order is decidedly bad, caused more by the continued 'hard times' than anything else. With better times, which I hope for soon, we shall prosper. We have had trouble with our paper money; it went up from 25 to 1, to 70 to 1, and then stopped. Nobody would have it, at any price; stores were closed; the mob had charge until the police shot one and wounded many, and so the first act is over. We don't know when to expect the second." In letter of February 9th, accompanying the reports of Lodges Nos. 1, 3 and 4, he said: "Lima Lodge has again granted the use of the room, rent and gas free, for six months to Fortschritt Lodge, to help it along, and it is more than a year since the Encampment has paid anything for rent or gas, so you see the Brethren of No. 1 are doing all in their power to help the Order in Peru through the present trying times. I have accepted the position of R. S. of N. G., (the first office I held in the Order), although I have really no time to attend regularly, as my business requires a large part of my evenings, and I must dedicate something to my family and to 'rest.' There is no change in the condition of our Order in this jurisdiction, and will not be until the country wakes up and begins to move. The repudiation of $3,000,000 of paper money, by the government, has completely paralyzed everything." April 28th he wrote: "The anniversary was very nicely celebrated on the 26th, in the hall of Lima Lodge; the three Lodges were present, working in love and harmony." June 20th he said: "The Lodges are not going behind, but are working slowly. Lima Lodge had an initiation last week, the first this year, and this week we will have another. We had almost

forgotten our lesson. In the Encampment we may be more rusty. The parties now coming into the Order speak better Spanish than English, so that I renew my hopes for a Spanish Lodge, which is the only way that we can make good progress in Peru. I am anxious to gain a few *good* members for each Lodge, for if anything should happen to any of the few who now sustain the different Bodies they would go under. However, 'sufficient for the day is the evil thereof,' and I will guess that we shall come out all right."

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—Bro. W. E. FOSTER, D. D. Grand Sire, has favored us with 8 letters during the year. The returns to December 31st, 1887, exhibit the total membership in the 2 Lodges 172, as in 1886. The Encampment sustained a loss of 3 members. but Bro. FOSTER, in letter of January 16th, said: "It is in a better financial condition now, than it has occupied for a long time." With letter of January 19th, he sent a petition for Pacific Degree Lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah. The Grand Sire authorized a Warrant to issue and the Lodge was instituted March 26th, 1888. March 13th, he wrote: "The Order is in good financial condition and the Lodges are adding a few members." April 7th, he said: "I expect the offices in the Rebekah Lodge to be filled by the Sisters in a short time. I am not able, at this writing, to say much about the future prospects of this branch of our Order in this city, as the Lodge is not yet in good working condition, but I look for an increase in membership of the Subordinate Lodges. The Brethren are making arrangements to celebrate the coming sixty-ninth anniversary of the Order. Generally, these celebrations add a few to our membership. Peace and harmony seem to reign, at present, in the two Lodges." In letter of May 7th, he inclosed a newspaper slip containing a sketch of the celebration on the 26th of April, which the editor described as "one of the most enjoyable anniversaries of the three-linked Order ever held in Honolulu." The exercises consisted of a literary entertainment, banquet and ball. Bro. FOSTER said: "I fear that our Order will decrease in membership this year, as few are joining, and the suspensions are many. Since January 1st, Harmony has initiated none; suspended 6; Excelsior initiated 2; suspended 4; and in the Encampment the suspensions and withdrawals number 4. Our prospects are not very encouraging, but we hope to regain the number lost."

SPAIN.—A very friendly communication was received June 5th, from SR. DR. TORIBIS TARRIO Y BUENO, Madrid, offering his services in any way in which they can be used; requesting a copy of RIDGELY'S History of American Odd Fellowship, etc., for the purpose of preparing articles for Spanish periodicals.

SWEDEN.—Bro. ANDREAS HOLCK, D. D. Grand Sire, on the 11th of January, forwarded a petition for Amicitia Lodge, No. 3, to be located at Malmo, which, he stated, "is a city of 40,000 inhabitants, and it will be for the interest of the Order to establish another Lodge there. Scania Lodge, No. 1, owns its building, and the new Lodge will meet there." The Charter, books, etc., were sent February 9th, and they expected to institute the Lodge in May, but for some reason the time was postponed until the 1st day of August.

SWITZERLAND.—Bro. RUDOLF WEBER, in letter of December 7th, 1887, said: "The year 1887 has been favorable for the Order in Switzerland; the Lodges in Basle, Baden, Berne, Schaffhausen and Zurich, are getting a firmer position, and a nice and thriving social life, is developing in and among the Brotherhood. I hope these lines will find you in the best of health, and trust the coming year will be a good one to all of us." Bro. C. IMFELD, Grand Representative, on the 15th of February, 1888, wrote: "While no great changes have occurred in the general condition of our beloved Order, it is gratifying to be able to say that our Lodges have increased in membership. I refer especially to St. Jacob's Lodge, at Basle, whose work has been very effective, ten members having been added to their roll. Of these, five are residents of Rheinfelden, a neighboring town, and it is expected that a Lodge will soon be established in that place. Helvetia, No. 1, and Fellenberg, No. 3, are increasing in a like manner, and we hope the good effect therefrom will be lasting. I am sorry that we did not

succeed in Luzerne, but hope that a Lodge will be established there again, at some future time. In Switzerland, the times are improving; trade and commerce are increasing, and the financial condition of the country is not bad, at present. This being the case, it may reasonably be expected that our Lodges will make better progress and ideal objects receive more attention. It is the firm belief of many of our Brethren, that a new start would be much facilitated and have a more permanent effect, if we were in a position to establish an Encampment. While, so far, only two members of Swiss Lodges, (myself included,) have received the Encampment degrees, there are many ready to take them, as soon as we are authorized to establish an Encampment in our country, and such an organization cannot fail to have a beneficial effect upon our Lodges and Brethren. It would greatly gratify us if we are permitted to work by the rules of the Lodges under the German Empire, for the reason that the American rules are not quite so well adapted to the customs and social conditions of our people; the German would soon gain a good foothold here. Having much more experience in questions connected with the Order than myself, I ask for some information concerning some questions that will probably be presented. It is stated, very positively, that at the session of the Grand Lodge, next spring, a motion will be submitted for consideration, to establish a union of Odd Fellows, embracing all Lodges under the control of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, consolidating all of them in one Body. The objects of this union would be: 1. To disseminate the Order. 2. To create a Central fund for the Relief of the poor. 3. A Central Mortuary fund. 4. A Central Widows' and Orphans' benefit fund. 5. A Central fund for the Relief of invalids. 6. To establish a Donation fund. 7. To establish a Relief Institution for unfortunate members. The motion, when taken up by the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, will, no doubt, be submitted to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which will communicate the same to all Grand Lodges, with a view to obtain their opinions concerning the scheme." A copy of this letter was sent to the Grand Sire, who, it is presumed, replied to it. Bro. J. GRABER, Grand Secretary, on the 14th of April wrote: "The Patriarchal Degree does not exist here, neither have we any Rebekah Lodges, or Odd Fellows' homes. In our Lodges, however, the development of the Order is proceeding, not rapidly, it is true, but steadily and safely. We have to deplore the loss of five Brethren, who have been called away by death; otherwise, we have had no calamitous visitations. The membership has increased, and peace and harmony prevail. The Grand Lodge of Switzerland will meet on the first Sunday in May, and I will then be able to send you our annual report. I forward to you, to-day, 15 numbers of the 'Helvetia.'" In letter of May 19th, he advised: "The session of the Grand Lodge was held as designated; the former officers hold over, as the election will take place next year." Bro. WEBER resigned the office of D. D. Grand Sire, and the Grand Sire appointed Bro. C. IMFELD to the position. The returns of the Grand Lodge to December 31st, 1887, exhibit a membership of 189, increase 10. The correspondence indicates a better feeling than heretofore, and more confidence in the success of the Order in the future. Eidgenossen Encampment, No. 1, was instituted at Zurich, May 6th, 1888.

MANCHESTER UNITY.

An interesting letter from Bro. J. J. SROCKALL, Past Grand Master, dated London, January 10th, 1888, was received January 18th, in which he said: "Your communications have duly reached me, for which please accept my thanks. I delayed answering in the hope of being able, when I did so, of submitting definite proposals for your consideration. It was my purpose to lay before my co directors, at our July Board meeting, suggestions, which I considered would be practicable, as a basis of inter-communication between our two Orders. I regret that in consequence of the great pressure of business, and my having to leave the July Board meeting before its business was completed, I

was unable to do so. Reluctantly, therefore, I was compelled to defer my purpose until the next Board meeting, which was appointed to be held in November. Before proceeding to Manchester, to the November meeting, I received a newspaper, 'The Globe,' published in Toronto, October 7th, 1887, in which the following paragraph appears: 'The Sovereign Grand Lodge declined to consider any proposition for a system of inter-communication with the Manchester Unity, on the ground of impracticability, the Manchester Union being as completely distinct from the I. O. O. F. as any other friendly society in Great Britain.' On receiving from you Journal of sixty-third annual communication, I anxiously looked for proceedings on the subject, which I found as follows: 'That the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.' I need not say how much I was grieved, possessed, as I had been, with the hope that there *was* a possibility of tying together by some silken cord, (although of never so slender a character), two great branches of the human family, springing from a common beginning, having a like name, continuing to use the same watchwords, having kindred objects, and mutually able to render *needed* service to both Orders when those members most needed assistance, maybe thousands of miles from their own firesides, and that without sacrificing, (in my opinion,) any independence or privileges worth the naming. It was with sorrow, I had to report to our November Board meeting the above circumstances, instead of submitting a scheme for consideration, which scheme, I may say, is of a very modest character, as any *must be*, if it is to be successful.

"The Board of Directors expressed great regret, which will be the feeling of all the members of the Manchester Unity, should it be an irrevocable decision of the American Order, to refuse discussion of any form of connection.

"May I ask you to say if (in your opinion) any further advance will be possible, or must we consider the decision of the last Sovereign Grand Lodge a final and irrevocable one? I think I understand the difficulties surrounding the question, and comprehend the arguments which may be used, and no doubt are urged, against such an arrangement, by the Brethren of your Fraternity, still I do not think the difficulties insurmountable. Much depends on the *modesty* of the proposals.

"I am instructed to reciprocate your expressed 'pleasure to exchange periodicals,' and Mr. COLLINS, our Corresponding Secretary, bade me ask you to send thirteen copies, one for each member of the Board. He will, as you desire, return the compliment by sending the ten, as asked by you, or more if required. I also trust, with you, that there may be, as you say, 'frequent communications between the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the Corresponding Secretary of the Manchester Unity,' in the future, 'as there have been in times gone by.'

"Desiring only, that by Union and Unity, we may go on to conquer enmity, malice and strife, and unite the whole earth under a common Brotherhood for good, believe me Yours truly,

"J. J. STOCKALL, *P. G. M.*"

Bro. THOMAS COLLINS, Corresponding Secretary, on the 27th of April, acknowledged receipt of Journals from this office, and said: "I have to express to you my thanks for your courtesy in sending the copies to me. I will duly lay the same before my Directors, at their ensuing Quarterly Meeting. I have forwarded to you a package containing 10 copies each of our February and April Quarterly Reports; also copies of the Magazine for the entire year 1887, and the 5 monthly copies issued during the present year, including the number for May. I shall be glad to receive from you, copies of 'Book of Forms' and 'Digest of Laws,' and I will, in the future, post you copies of our Reports and Magazines. Believe me, yours fraternally,

"THOMAS COLLINS, *C. S.*"

The very interesting "Monthly Magazine" and the Quarterly Reports have been regularly received, and on pages 39–43 of the July, 1888, Report, the correspondence with this office appears; also a resolution of thanks adopted by the Board of Directors.

WILDEY AND RIDGELY MONUMENTS.

It has been mentioned heretofore, in this report, that the appropriation for the care of the monuments was only partially used, for the reasons stated.

On the 9th day of December, 1887, the Grand Secretary addressed a letter to Bro. JOHN M. JONES, the senior Representative of Maryland in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, reciting the action of the Committee on Finance appropriating $50 for the care of the monuments, without designating the amount for each, referring to the laws creating the committees, as mentioned on page 10,315, Journal of 1886, and suggesting that he call his associates "to meet and determine as to the disposition of the $50." To this letter Bro. JONES replied December 20th, stating that the four Representatives from Maryland had concluded that $25 should be paid for care of the WILDEY monument, and $25 for care of the RIDGELY monument. Accordingly, on the 7th of January, the Grand Secretary sent to Bro. JONES his checks to the order of JOSEPH F. SCHWEITZER and WILLIAM SHEEHAN, for $12.50 each, for the six months ending December 31st, 1887. The receipt from WM. SHEEHAN was received in a few days, with the information that Bro. SCHWEITZER declined to receive $12.50 for his services, and this decision was confirmed by Bro. SCHWEITZER in an interview the Grand Secretary had with him in Baltimore, January 12th, 1888. Desiring an explicit acceptance or refusal, in writing, a letter was addressed to Bro. SCHWEITZER January 20th, to which he replied January 29th: "I thought the matter was fixed during your visit to Baltimore. I have not changed my mind in the least, and hope you will not worry yourself about it. I have had charge of the WILDEY monument since 1867. It is a relic left in Maryland, and will be cared for, just the same as it has been, notwithstanding the new departure." Bro. SCHWEITZER died April 26th, 1888, and as his son, JOHN W. SCHWEITZER, succeeded to the position of janitor of the hall in Gay street, the Grand Secretary had a conversation with him in July on the subject, and he declined taking care of the monument for $25 per annum. The check sent to Bro. J. F. SCHWEITZER in January, was returned June 7th, and on the 15th day of August, the amount appropriated for care of the WILDEY monument ($25) was paid to the Grand Treasurer.

The mail of August 18th, (after this report was prepared,) brought a letter from Bro. JOHN W. SCHWEITZER, dated Baltimore, 17th, in which he stated that he had concluded to accept the compensation offered, and requested a check for the amount, $25. He was informed that as the money had been returned to the treasury, nothing could be done until the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in September.

INVITATIONS.

The following circular was issued:

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
Columbus, Ohio, June 25th, 1888.

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Grand Representative,

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DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I beg to call your attention to the following from the jurisdiction of Oregon:

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF OREGON,
Oregon City, May 26th, 1888.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.:

BRETHREN—The following resolution was adopted by the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Oregon, at the May session, 1888:

Resolved, The this Grand Lodge extend to the officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, with their families, an invitation to visit this jurisdiction, either on coming to, or returning from the next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

I certify the above to be a true copy.

J. M. BACON, *Grand Secretary.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF OREGON,
Oregon City, June 11th, 1888.

THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—From the expression of all members of the Grand Lodge, at the time the resolution was under discussion, I feel authorized to ask you to make the invitation public, as it certainly is the desire of the Grand Lodge that the invitation be accepted. There was a committee of twenty-one appointed as a Reception Committee. The members of this committee are from all Lodges along the route. Fraternally yours,

J. M. BACON, *Grand Secretary.*

The above letter of Bro. BACON is in reply to my request that he would inform me what disposition he wished made of the invitation of the Grand Lodge of Oregon. Fraternally yours,

THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary.*

The following was received:

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY OF THE
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF NEVADA, I. O. O. F.,
Virginia, Nev., July 15th, 1888.

THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—The following resolution was unanimously adopted by our Grand Lodge, at its recent session in June:

WHEREAS, The Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, and Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, will be on the Pacific Coast in September of this year; therefore, be it

Resolved, That they be invited to visit this jurisdiction while on their way across this State.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be forwarded to each of said Grand Officers, under seal of this Grand Lodge.

C. E. MACK, of No. 10.

Attest: B. F. WALLACE, *Grand Secretary.*

RETURNS *of Grand Bodies of the Expenses of Subordinates, separate from Benefits and Charities, for the year 1887, and amount of Invested Funds, December 31st, 1887:*

JURISDICTION.	GRAND LODGES.		GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	
	Current Exp.	Invested Funds.	Current Exp.	Invested Funds.
1. Alabama				
2. Arizona	$4,035 42	$15,145 68		
3. Arkansas	4,909 37	20,936 82		
4. British Columbia	7,674 54	61,175 66		
5. California	174,105 97	2,123,820 13	$19,394 34	$164,282 86
6. Colorado		149,752 00		14,230 00
7. Connecticut	45,806 83	297,074 48	6,224 42	23,572 50
8. Dakota	29,969 18	60,678 59	2,751 59	31 85
9. Delaware	16,627 81	128,194 78	723 91	5,134 82
10. Denmark				
11. Dist. of Columbia	8,135 00	36,592 18	1,164 41	9,666 53
12. Florida				
13. Georgia				
14. Idaho				
15. Illinois				
16. Indiana	135,143 82	1,661,024 66	8,506 41	65,678 66
17. Iowa	52,166 54	561,038 53	3,879 84	15,417 49
18. Kansas	83,220 00	521,302 00		23,472 88
19. Kentucky		312,625 34		19,535 72
20. Louisiana				5,715 80
21. Lower Provinces	7,243 26	22,683 13		
22. Maine	39,867 94	498,565 09	6,202 16	65,393 54
23. Manitoba	4,393 10	26,374 40		
24. Maryland				
25. Massachusetts				
26. Michigan	64,856 72		5,480 17	
27. Minnesota	35,680 90			
28. Mississippi			297 50	
29. Missouri		563,410 00		19,000 00
30. Montana				
31. Nebraska	11,713 28	231,647 81	1,254 72	6,946 97
32. Nevada	13,011 35	60,125 20	1,717 41	6,497 50
33. New Hampshire		285,102 70		20,667 62
34. New Jersey				
35. New Mexico				
36. New York	182,391 07		14,282 94	
37. North Carolina	5,142 91	45,882 11		
38. Ohio	256,372 86	1,862,346 58		208,293 99
39. Ontario	55,985 49	582,697 13		29,209 89
40. Oregon	31,568 86	122,976 00		
41. Pennsylvania	245,341 64	3,000,586 56	22,739 55	323,553 93
42. Quebec				
43. Rhode Island	30,457 92	223,548 52	5,541 23	26,786 56
44. South Carolina				
45. Switzerland	1,198 04	6,610 43		
46. Tennessee				
47. Texas			2,932 91	16,071 64
48. Utah	5,130 60	26,833 18		
49. Vermont	6,886 76	36,743 41	852 01	1,207 54
50. Virginia			904 66	
51. Washington	20,599 90	66,019 83	1,356 83	1,900 00
52. West Virginia	17,265 35	115,975 01		
53. Wisconsin	69,496 97	204,017 15	1,811 30	1,425 00
54. Wyoming	5,283 43	47,855 19		

By comparing the above with the table, page 10,779, Journal of 1887, it will be seen that several Grand Bodies that furnished information, January, 1887, failed to present statistics, January, 1888, and a few Grand Bodies that did not report in 1887, have sent the requested information in 1888.

MEMBERSHIP.

Increase and Decrease from January 1st to December 31st, 1887.

JURISDICTION.	LODGE.		ENCAMPMENT.	
	Increase.	Decrease	Increase	Decrease.
Alabama	92			
*Alberta (1 Lodge, 1 Encampment)	17			
Arizona	34			
Arizona (2 Encampments)			47	
Arkansas	108		58	
British Columbia	102			
†British Columbia (4 Encampments)				
California	848		244	
‡Chile (4 Lodges)		263		
Colorado	397		123	
Connecticut	626		229	
Cuba (6 Lodges)	42			
Dakota	398		93	
Delaware	51			29
‖Denmark				
‖Denmark (4 Encampments)				
District of Columbia	6			6
Florida	26		2	
France (1 Lodge)	75			
Georgia	299		65	
Idaho	161			
Idaho (2 Encampments)			17	
Illinois	1,094		71	
Indiana	1,940		568	
Indian Territory (5 Lodges, 2 Encamp's)	8			5
Iowa	344			39
Kansas	1,809		129	
Kentucky	327		181	
Louisiana	113		32	
Lower Provinces, B. N. A.	14			
Lower Provinces (5 Encampments)			2	
Maine	759		180	
Manitoba	14			
Manitoba (3 Encampments)			19	
Maryland		210		190
Massachusetts	2,821		812	
Mexico (2 Lodges)		8		
Michigan	1,111		235	
Minnesota	505		37	
Mississippi		174		115
Missouri	620			185
Montana	130		84	
Nebraska	549		149	
Netherlands (2 Lodges)	10			
Nevada	26			27
New Hampshire	446		108	
New Jersey	1,093		192	

*One Encampment did not report. †Reported to Grand Encampment of Washington.
‡Charter surrendered. ‖Report for 1887 not received.

MEMBERSHIP.

Increase and Decrease from January 1st to December 31st, 1887—Continued.

JURISDICTION.	LODGE.		ENCAMPMENT.	
	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
New Mexico	84			
*New Mexico (4 Encampments)			16	
New York	2,504			11
North Carolina	4			3
Ohio	1,537		455	
Ontario	497		87	
Oregon	123			35
Pennsylvania	3,330		46	
*Peru (3 Lodges, 1 Encampment)				
‖Quebec				
⸮Quebec (1 Encampment)				
Rhode Island	156		49	
Sandwich Islands (2 Lodges, 1 Encamp.)				3
South Carolina		78		
¶South Carolina (4 Encampments)				30
Sweden (1 Lodge)	37			
Switzerland	10			
Tennessee	6		24	
Texas		74	8	
Utah (3 Encampments)	36		62	
Vermont	206		80	
Virginia	290		38	
Washington	259		142	
West Virginia	275		17	
Wisconsin		169		91
Wyoming	32		36	
Totals	26,398	976	4,738	769

Net gain in membership of Lodges, 25,422; Encampments, 3,969.

*One Encampment did not report. ‖Report for 1887 not received. ⸮Reported to Grand Encampment of Ontario. ¶Three Encampments did not report.

LIBRARY.

Very few additions have been made to the library during the last year; the pamphlets bound the previous year added 112 volumes, and it was deemed inexpedient to bind the few Journals of Grand Bodies on hand, at present. The following is the present condition of the library:

BOUND VOLUMES.

Per Journal of 1887, page 10,784 706

Received during the year:

Forty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, A. F. & A. M., Vol. X, cloth bound. Presented by Bro. T. S. PARVIN, Grand Secretary 1

Congressional Record, Vol. XVII., Part I., pp. 1–1088, special session Senate, March 4th, 1885; 49th Congress, 1st session, December 7th, 1885, to February 3d, 1886..... 1
Reprint Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, with an historical introduction, Vol. I., pp. 1–304. Presented by the Grand Lodge of Vermont..... 1
Report of the Commissioner of Education for 1885–86, octavo, cloth. Presented by the Bureau of Education..... 1

Total volumes in the library.....710

MISCELLANEOUS PAMPHLETS.

Circular of Information of the Bureau of Education.
No. 3, 1887. Proceedings of the Department of Superintendence of the National Educational Association, at its meeting at Washington, D. C., March 15th–17th, 1887.
Manchester Unity, England, quarterly reports, October, 1887; February, April, July, 1888.
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, A. F. & A. M., Forty-fifth Annual Communication, June, 1888.
Minutes of the Eighteenth Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, State of Iowa, October, 1887.

JOURNALS OF GRAND BODIES.

Grand Lodges.

Alabama.
Arizona, April, 1888; pp. 1–70.
Arkansas, October, 1887; pp. 65–122.
Australasia, May, 1887, pp. 1–66.
New South Wales, February, 1888; pp. 1–72.
New Zealand.
South Australia, September, 1878; pp. 1–8. August, 1879; pp. 1–32. August, 1880; pp. 1–30. August, 1881; pp. 1–32. August, 1887; pp. 1–112.
Tasmania, February, 1888; pp. 1–24.
Victoria, February, 1888; pp. 1–132.
British Columbia, February, 1888; pp. 562–652.
California, May, 1888; pp. 1007–1260.
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INDIANA.—*Odd Fellows' Talisman*, Indianapolis; monthly.

KANSAS.—*The Western Odd Fellow*, Salina; semi-monthly.

MAINE.—*Odd Fellows' Register*, Portland; monthly.

MARYLAND.—*Baltimore Telegram*, Baltimore; weekly.

MISSOURI.—*The Triple Link*, Carrollton; semi-monthly.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—*The Manchester Union*, Manchester; weekly. *Independent Statesman*, Concord; weekly.

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OHIO.—*The Companion and American Odd Fellow*, Columbus; monthly. *The Bundle of Sticks*, Columbus; monthly. *The Junia Banner*, Columbus; semi-monthly.

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WARRANTS ISSUED.

Since the last session, Charters have been issued from this office as follows:

For Grand Encampments.

IDAHO.—Instituted at Hailey, by Bro. MONTIE B. GWINN, District Deputy Grand Sire.

UTAH.—Instituted at Salt Lake City, February 22d, 1888, by Bro. ALEXANDER ROGERS, Special Deputy Grand Sire.

For Subordinate Encampments.

ARIZONA.—*Gila, No. 3*, at Globe. Instituted August 10th, 1888, by Bro. LOUIS SULTAN, Special Deputy Grand Sire, as authorized by Bro. W. L. WHEPLEY, District Deputy Grand Sire.

IDAHO.—*Ridgely, No. 2*, at Pocatello. Instituted November 25th, 1887, by Bro. MONTIE B. GWINN, District Deputy Grand Sire. *Temple, No. 3*, at Caldwell. Instituted February 6th, 1888, by Bro. MONTIE B GWINN, District Deputy Grand Sire. *Ivanhoe, No. 4*, at Hailey. Instituted March 26th, 1888, by Bro. MONTIE B. GWINN, District Deputy Grand Sire. *Enterprise, No. 5*, at Ketchum. Instituted March 27th, 1888, by Bro. MONTIE B. GWINN, District Deputy Grand Sire.

MANITOBA, CANADA.—*Excelsior, No. 4*, at Morden. Instituted July 31st, 1888, by Bro. HORACE J. RAYMER, District Deputy Grand Sire.

MEXICO.—*Hidalgo, No. 1*, at City of Mexico. Instituted June 18th, 1888, by Bro. W. J. DE GRESS, District Deputy Grand Sire.

NEW MEXICO.—*Raton, No. 5*, at Raton. Instituted January 4th, 1888, by Bro. A. C. SLOAN, District Deputy Grand Sire.

SWITZERLAND, EUROPE.—*Eidgenossen, No. 1*, at Zurich. Instituted May 6th, 1888, by Bro. C. IMFELD, Special Deputy Grand Sire.

UTAH.—*Excelsior, No. 4*, at Bingham. Instituted September 17th, 1887, by Bro. ALEXANDER ROGERS, Special Deputy Grand Sire. *Uinta, No. 5*, at Ogden. Instituted September 30th, 1887, by Bro. ALEXANDER ROGERS, Special Deputy Grand Sire.

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CHILE, SOUTH AMERICA.—*Germania, No. 4*, at Valdivia. Papers sent August 1st, 1888, to Bro. C. J. HOLM, District Deputy Grand Sire.

FRANCE, EUROPE.—*Fraternité, No. 2*, at Havre. Papers sent August 3d, 1888, to Bro. L. LEFEBVRE, District Deputy Grand Sire.

INDIAN TERRITORY.—*Thomas Wildey, No. 6*, at Lehigh. Instituted May 24th, 1888, by Bro. ROBERT W. CHURCH, District Deputy Grand Sire. *South Canadian, No. 7*, at South Canadian. Instituted June 29th, 1888, by Bro. R. W. CHURCH, District Deputy Grand Sire.

NETHERLANDS, EUROPE.—*Prins Hendrik, No. 3*, at Zutphen. Papers sent July 23d, 1888, to Bro. J. HEN, District Deputy Grand Sire.

SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA.—*Saskatchewan, No. 1*, at Battleford. Instituted May 2d, 1888, by Bro. GEO. MURDOCH, District Deputy Grand Sire.

SWEDEN, EUROPE — *Veritas, No. 2*, at Trelleborg. Instituted November 4th, 1887, by Bro. ANDREAS HOLCK, District Deputy Grand Sire. *Amicitia, No. 3*, at Malmo. Papers sent February 9th, 1888, to Bro. ANDREAS HOLCK, District Deputy Grand Sire.

For Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah.

SANDWICH ISLANDS —*Pacific, No. 1*, at Honolulu. Instituted March 26th, 1888, by Bro. W. E. FOSTER, District Deputy Grand Sire.

ODD FELLOWS' BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

The returns, so far as received, are submitted in tabular form herewith. It will be seen that *nineteen* organizations presenting reports last year have not furnished any information this year. Special efforts were made to obtain complete details, and in February, 1888, a copy of the following was sent to each Grand Secretary:

'DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—At the session of 1885 (Journal, 10,078), the Grand Secretary was requested to correspond with the Grand Secretary of each Subordinate Grand Body, requesting full information concerning Odd Fellows' Homes, Orphan Asylums, Cemetery Associations, Veteran Associations, and Beneficial Associations, and at the session of 1886 (Journal, 10,516), the above direction was 'continued in force, from year to year, until otherwise ordered.'

"The information obtained will be found on pages 10,316–10,323, 10,692–10,696, Journal of 1886, and 10,790–10,793, Journal of 1887.

"Aware that there are many institutions that failed to report, and desiring to present to the Sovereign Grand Lodge as complete a statement of the Associations referred to, as possible, I shall be glad to have you inform me of the number of each organization in your State, to enable me to forward to you sufficient blanks for reports."

Beneficial Associations, as it is well known, are not under the control of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and few, if any, are acting under the authority of Subordinate Grand Bodies; therefore, it is apparent that their officers, finding no law to compel reports, are disinclined to devote the time required to compile the statistics desired. From statements in some of the newspapers of the Order, it seems that several Beneficial Associations have suspended, or are about to retire from business. This may be the cause of some of them not reporting; but it is not believed that it applies to a majority of the nineteen. It is suggested, however, that unless these Associations can be required to report (instead of leaving it as a voluntary matter), the law requiring blanks to be furnished to them, be repealed.

Odd Fellows' Beneficial Associations,

	JURISDICTION.	NAME.	LOCATION.
*1	British Columbia	Auxiliary Endowment Benefit Association	Victoria
*2	Connecticut	O. F. Mutual Aid Association of Conn	New Haven
3	District of Columbia	O. F. Mutual Relief Association	Washington
*4	Illinois	Covenant Mutual Benefit Association	Galesburg
5	Indiana	O. F. Mutual Aid Association of Indiana	Indianapolis
6	Kentucky	Benefit Association of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.	Louisville
7	Maine	Odd Fellows' Benefit Association	Portland
8	"	O. F. Graded Mutual Relief Ass'n of Maine	Norway
9	"	O. F. Mutual Relief Ass'n of Portland	Portland
*10	"	York County O. F. Mutual Relief Ass'n	Biddeford
11	"	O. F. Mutual Relief Ass'n of Maine	Lewiston
12	Massachusetts	O. F. Mutual Benefit Association of Dorchester District	Boston
†13	"	O. F. Beneficial Ass'n of Massachusetts	Boston
*14	"	O. F. Mutual Benefit Ass'n of Essex, North	Salem
15	"	O. F. Mutual Benefit Association	Charlestown
16	"	O. F. Mutual Benefit Association	Lowell
17	"	O. F. Mutual Benefit Association	Chelsea
18	"	O. F. Mutual Relief Association of Worcester County	Worcester
*19	"	O. F. Mutual Relief Ass'n of Clinton	Clinton
*20	"	O. F. Mutual Relief Ass'n of Cambridge	Cambridge
21	"	Daughters of Rebekah Mutual Benefit Association	Ipswich
*22	"	Lynn O. F. Mutual Benefit Association	Lynn
23	"	O. F. Mutual Relief Association of the Connecticut River Valley	Springfield
24	"	New England Provident Ass'n, I. O. O. F.	East Cambridge
25	"	O. F. Mutual Benefit Association	Provincetown
†26	Michigan	O. F. Assurance Ass'n of Bay County	Bay City
27	Minnesota	Minnesota O. F. Mutual Benefit Society	St. Paul
‡28	"	National Benevolent Association	Minneapolis
29	Nevada	Endowment Rank, I. O. O. F., of the Pacific Coast	Virginia City
*30	New Jersey	O. F. Mutual Life Insurance Ass'n of N. J.	Newark
*31	"	Odd Fellows' Funeral Aid Association	Trenton
†32	New York	Odd Fellows' Endowment Association	Syracuse
*33	"	Odd Fellows' Benevolent Association	Buffalo
*34	"	O. F. Mutual Benefit Ass'n of Kings County	Brooklyn
*35	"	Odd Fellows' Relief Association	Albany
*36	"	Odd Fellows' Provident Association	Brooklyn
37	Ohio	O. F. Beneficial Association of Columbus	Columbus
38	"	O. F. Mutual Aid and Accident Ass'n	Piqua
*39	"	O. F. Beneficial Association of Muskingum Valley	Zanesville
*40	"	O. F. National Beneficial Association	Dayton
*41	"	O. F. Home Benefit Association of Ohio	Cincinnati
*42	Pennsylvania	O. F. Endowment Ass'n of Pennsylvania	Allegheny
‡43	"	Knights of the Covenant	Philadelphia
44	Rhode Island	O. F. Beneficial Association of R. I	Providence
45	Virginia	O. F. Widows' and Orphans' Relief Association of Virginia, North Carolina and West Virginia	Richmond
46	Wisconsin	Wisconsin O. F. Mutual Life Insurance Co.	Jefferson
*47	"	Wisconsin O. F. Protective Association	Milwaukee

* Report not received. † Report for 1887, received too late for Journal last year. ‡ First report.

Mutual Aid, or Life Insurance Societies.

	For Year Ending June 30th, 1888.							
	Receipts.	Paid to families of deceased members.	Paid for expenses.	Members received.	Memberships terminated (except by death).	Deaths.	Members in good standing.	Money on hand, invested, or on deposit, June 30th, 1888.
*1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	$3,334 85	$3,128 00	$273 90	3	34	10	328	$613 20
*4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	125,598 95	122,000 00	12,487 41	431	106	67	4,772	40,659 52
6	158 65	90 00	68 65	.....	9	2	45	1,100 00
7	632 86	527 00	63 25	6	1	3	265	1,062 80
8	1,702 37	1,097 00	200 66	169	6	2	750	1,825 06
9	39,755 49	36,500 00	1,657 78	22	43	25	1,469	14,757 64
*10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11	94,368 96	85,500 00	5,264 47	142	162	61	4,607	25,924 49
12	242 75	202 00	19 25	6	3	2	101	173 87
†13	10,955 14	10,924 00	928 23	14	56	12	960	2,628 69
*14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15	4,747 65	4,986 00	294 15	42	11	7	562	2,158 71
16	9,167 60	9,600 00	379 15	19	16	12	734	830 10
17	639 88	793 00	71 50	17	.....	3	265	257 01
18	20,953 14	16,070 00	1,156 20	41	27	16	1,313	13,153 23
*19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
21	96 00	80 50	8 30	.....	.....	.....	160	274 98
*22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
23	57,714 11	53,439 00	3,312 26	76	291	53	3,566	12,213 89
24	485 50	419 00	39 15	2	8	3	134	394 10
25	1,139 01	1,109 00	49 10	5	7	6	184	301 95
†26	1,143 30	1,128 00	15 30	30	5	4	154	350 00
27	55,074 16	55,007 00	2,718 89	290	118	30	2,699	3,614 12
‡28	4,299 95	1,236 15	2,022 00	2,022	110	1	1,911	1,041 80
29	6,857 45	7,464 50	154 13	15	14	13	453	2 93
*30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†32	1,212 00	860 00	93 83	6	44	8	204	408 17
*33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
37	188,129 00	170,140 00	13,928 44	214	294	151	9,774	128,150 00
38	74,756 51	69,400 00	1,645 31	2,765	911	23	7,116	3,711 20
*39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*41	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡43	2,874 50	1,880 95	230 40	41	55	10	372	996 76
44	25,680 38	19,250 00	1,811 11	16	20	20	969	20,172 09
45	1,502,78	1,072 00	255 04	30	6	4	293	361 37
46	135,314 22	123,000 00	14,963 35	506	275	80	7,867	25,657 30
*47	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$868,537 16	$796,903 10	$64,111 21	6,930	2,632	628	52,027	$302,794 98

* Report not received. † Report for 1887, received too late for Journal last year. ‡ First report.

SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, ETC.

In February, 1888, a special letter was sent to each Grand Secretary, requesting complete information on these important subjects, (*see* "Odd Fellows' Beneficial Associations," in this report,) and the replies received are herewith submitted:

Arizona.—"Yours of 21st February at hand, contents noted. There are no institutions of any kind in this jurisdiction, belonging in any way to the I. O. O. F., except the Subordinate Lodges, the Encampments and a Canton."

Arkansas.—"Referring to yours of 21st February, relating to reports on homes, asylums, etc., we have nothing of the kind in this jurisdiction."

British Columbia, Canada.—"With reference to yours of the 21st February, I beg to state that the only forms required for this Grand Body are those for the Endowment Benefit Association, this being the only organization that we have in force in this jurisdiction."

Colorado.—"In response to your favor of February 22d, will say that we have in this jurisdiction the 'Odd Fellows' Mutual Benefit Association of Colorado,' which has about 60 members. It pays, upon the death of a member, one dollar for each member in good standing, assessments having been made for that purpose. I regret to say that the institution is not in a flourishing condition."

Connecticut.—"Your favor under date of February 21st just received. I would say that we have the Mutual Aid Association, headquarters in this city, the reports of which I presume are sent to you by the Secretary, GEORGE N. MOSES, P. G. Rep. I have no knowledge of any asylums, homes or cemetery associations. In Bridgeport there is an association composed of the members of two Lodges, for additional funeral aid, and last year I requested WM. H. COMLEY, G. Rep., to post you up on the subject, as I failed to get information. In addition to this, I believe, there are clubs in other Lodges in the State, of similar nature, but know but little about them. We have a Veteran Odd Fellows' Association, organized March 8th, 1876. We hold two meetings each year; annual February 22d, and the semi-annual at some seaside resort, some time in August, as designated by the Directors. This meeting is entirely for social intercourse—a general good time. We have about 160 members scattered over the State, but seldom get over 60 together at any one time. I inclose a copy of By-Laws, fourteen years old, and *never* amended. If you think these Lodge clubs, adding by their contributions to funeral aid, are worth looking after, I will do what I can for you. I do not think there are over half a dozen in all."

Dakota.—"Replying now to yours of 21st February regarding Odd Fellows' homes, orphan asylums, etc., in this jurisdiction, would say that I do not think that there are any of these institutions, formally organized or in operation in Dakota."

Delaware.—"Replying to yours concerning the number of forms to send for procuring reports of organizations auxiliary to those of Odd Fellows, I think six or ten will be enough. I do not know of more than one or two, but will endeavor to find all that there are in the jurisdiction."

District of Columbia.—"In answer to your communication of February 21st, 1888, relative to information concerning organizations connected with the Order in this District, referred to particularly on pages 10,790–10,793, Journal of 1887, I have to say, the letter was mislaid, and was only found to-day. In this District, we have no other associations, than those heretofore reported to you, viz.: 1. Veteran Odd Fellows' Association; 2. I. O. O. F. Mutual Relief Association; 3. Schools, colleges, etc.

"I. O. O. F. Veteran Association, Washington.—Organized April 21st, 1887. Object—The promotion of Odd Fellowship by the dissemination of its princi-

ples; to enlist the older members more fully in the good work, and revive the interest heretofore taken by them, in their early days in the Order. (Art. II., Constitution.) Receipts, $59; paid for banquet May 15th, 1888, $35; expenses, $6.80; money on hand, $33.

"Schools, colleges, etc., under control of this jurisdiction, *none*. Number of children kept at other schools not under the control of the Order, 23; amount paid out per term on account of the same, $148 44."

Georgia.—"I received your letter of inquiry as to Odd Fellows' homes, orphan asylums, cemetery associations, veteran associations, beneficial associations, etc. I regret to say there are none, to my knowledge, in this jurisdiction. There are some orphans of Odd Fellows educated in schools, but very few; in 1886 there was expended $172.75 for education of orphans. There are no institutions of either of the above; in some instances, the Brethren buy a lot in a public cemetery, for the benefit of indigent Odd Fellows, but there is no special cemetery for that purpose. Sorry to give you such information, but it is nevertheless true."

Idaho.—"At present, we have no beneficial association. At the last session of the Grand Lodge of Idaho, the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary, be designated a committee, to report at the next session, upon the expediency of putting a life benefit system or insurance method in operation. The Committee on the State of the Order presented the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

"That the Representatives of the several Lodges in this jurisdiction, bring before their Lodges the advisability of establishing a Widows' and Orphans' Fund in this Grand Lodge, and report at the next session of the Grand Lodge."

Illinois.—"In reply to your favor of the 24th, in regard to Odd Fellows' homes, orphan asylums, cemetery associations, veteran associations and beneficial associations, I would say that while there may be a few cemetery associations, of small proportions, in our Grand Jurisdiction, I do not know where they are located, nor have I any means of supplying the blanks to which you refer, to them. We have no homes, asylums or veteran associations, and only one beneficial association, that being the Covenant Mutual, of Galesburg."

Iowa.—"Yours to hand. There are two Mutual Life Insurance Companies for Odd Fellows in Iowa. One at Keokuk has run down to about 340 members, and lost 75 to 100 last year, and at the annual meeting, 1st of the month, voted to wind up, when they got down to 150 members. E. H. WICKENHAM is Secretary. The other is at Fort Madison, and has about 700 to 800 members, but more are dropping out, than join. H. W. DODD is Secretary. There are no homes, asylums, cemetery associations, veteran associations, that I ever heard of, and believe there are none. I mailed the blanks, last year, to WICKENHAM and DODD, but never had a report."

Kentucky.—"The blank for veteran association was filled and forwarded a few days since. Find inclosed report of benefit associations. Schools and colleges, none that I am aware of, and cannot say as to number of children attending and amount paid out per term. The Odd Fellows' Orphanage, Louisville, was incorporated March 19th, 1888. I handed the blank to the Secretary, but as yet have had no report."

"The Veteran Association, I. O. O. F., of Kentucky.—Organized January 10th, 1880. Object—The promotion of Odd Fellowship, by the dissemination of its principles; to enlist the older members more fully in the good work, and revive the interest heretofore taken by them, in their early days in the Order. Receipts, $392.50; expenses, $279.55. For year ending June 30th, 1888, receipts, $50; expenses, $20.15; money on hand, $77.80. The Association has a membership of 81, three of whom have held unbroken membership in the Order for over fifty years. Since its organization, it has lost fifteen of its members by death."

Louisiana.—"In reply to your circular requesting information relating to organizations attached to our Order, in Louisiana, I have to say we have none, except such as make a yearly report to the Grand Lodge, which report may be found in the printed proceedings of each year; they are, the General Relief Committee, the Odd Fellows' Rest, and the Widows' and Orphans' General Relief Association. We have, however, an 'Odd Fellows' Hall Association,' which, although an association connected with the Order, does not make yearly reports to the Grand Lodge as the others do, it being considered more properly a business investment, and not necessarily required to report to the Grand Lodge yearly."

Maine.—"In reply to yours of the 24th February, will say, we have the following Beneficial Associations in this State: Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Portland, ISAAC F. CLARK, Secretary; Odd Fellows' Benefit Association of Portland, J. HENRY CROCKETT, Secretary; Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Maine, JOHN READ, Secretary, Lewiston, Maine; Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Norway, A. L. F. PIKE, Secretary, Norway, Maine; Odd Fellows' Relief Association of York county, JOHN HAM, Secretary, Biddeford, Maine. The above are all the associations in Maine, that I am aware of."

Manitoba, Canada.—"Referring to your letter of 24th February, last, which should have been acknowledged long ago, I beg to say that in this jurisdiction we have no Odd Fellows' homes, orphan asylums or cemetery associations. A *little* funeral aid association has existed for nearly five years, but only existed on paper, until the early part of this year, when a little show was given to it. As yet it has not reached 100 members, but the aim is to make it, in time, a Provincial institution. No relief has been given, as no death has occurred. In another year, we may make a report to the Sovereign Grand Lodge."

Massachusetts—"I think there are four veteran associations, one Odd Fellows' home, one cemetery association, and fifteen beneficial associations. You had better send me duplicate blanks for each.

"Veteran Odd Fellows' Association of Massachusetts.—Organized November 15th, 1875. Object—The cultivation of a more intimate personal acquaintance among those who have labored in Odd Fellowship twenty-five years or more. For year ending October 26th, 1887, receipts, $62; expenses, $46; money on hand, $200."

Michigan.—"Yours of February 24th, referring to information as to the number, names, etc., of the associations in Michigan under the auspices of the Order, is before me, and in reply, beg to say that I have no knowledge of the existence of any such organizations in Michigan. None have ever made reports, or statements to the Grand Lodge, showing such organizations to exist."

Minnesota.—"Yours of 24th February, in regard to beneficial associations, received. We have but one *authorized* Odd Fellows' insurance association, viz., The Minnesota Odd Fellows' Mutual Benefit Society, which I see you have included in the annual reports for several years past. At our session of 1885, two Subordinate Lodges, through their Representatives, recommended that our Grand Lodge hold biennial sessions, and that the moneys which would be appropriated to defray expenses of the alternate sessions, be set aside for a relief fund for aged and indigent Odd Fellows, but such action was deemed impracticable and was not entertained. The society above mentioned has removed all cause for the institution of orphan asylums, as the $2,000 paid at death of a member, is sufficient to buy a home, and with a little assistance from the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, the families soon rise to a position above want. It is seldom, in this Northwestern country, that we are called upon to support orphans, as our industries are so diversified that any one can obtain employment, and the widows and children are too independent to ask aid, when they can earn a living without it. I may add, also, with regard to our Widows' and Orphans' Fund, that it is accumulating at a rapid rate in the Lodges, so much so, in fact, that many of them have more money therein than in their Lodge treasury

and investments combined, all through the beneficial operations of the aforementioned Minnesota Odd Fellows' Mutual Benefit Society. We have another organization, styled 'The Odd Fellows' National Benevolent Association,' which organized and received members, used the emblems of the Order, etc , all without authority. When called to account by the Grand Master, the officers professed ignorance with regard to using the emblems, and agreed to remove them from their printed matter, at the same time asking the Grand Lodge last June to recognize them. This was not done, and they asked our Grand Encampment for the same favor, at its last session, the 15th inst., but, as it is a money-making scheme, the Grand Encampment refused to assume responsibility for its action, and they have now been obliged to eliminate the words 'Odd Fellows' from their title. They are now, I suppose, on the same basis as the Galesburg company. However, as they profess to accept only Odd Fellows as members, I presume you would like to have a report from them. We have no cemetery or veteran associations. Each Lodge owns its own lot, but the General Relief Committee of St. Paul and Minneapolis contemplate purchasing lots for the burial of transient Brothers. One more thought, and I will cut short this otherwise *parvo in multum* communication. Individually, I think there is danger ahead, in the organization of so many of these insurance societies under the name of the Order, and more especially is this the case with regard to the Sovereign Grand Lodge establishing an endowment feature, *vide* proposition of the Grand Lodge of Nevada."

Montana.—"In answer to your letter of February 24th, I do not know of any associations in this Territory; there may be some cemetery associations; will try and find out. There are no homes, or orphan asylums, or veteran associations. We are young yet, and have not established the above institutions."

Nevada.—"Yours of 24th February is before me, and in reply will state that this jurisdiction has none of the societies or associations referred to, *except* a beneficial or insurance association. If you will send blanks, I will report the condition of that association up to the close of our fiscal year, June 1st, 1888."

Ohio.—"The Order in Ohio has no schools under its control."

Ontario, Canada.—"In reply to yours of February 24th just received, I do not know of but two organizations in Ontario, of an insurance character, under the wing of the Order, that is, confined to members of the Order, but not recognized by nor reporting to the Grand Lodge; they are the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Kingston and the Lincoln County Benefit Association. There may be others; if so, I don't know of them."

Oregon.—"In answer to yours of February 24th, I will inform you that we have only one institution such as you speak of, and that is the Orphans' Home."

Pennsylvania.—"Referring to yours of the 24th February, there are the Odd Fellows' Home, Home for Orphans, Philadelphia; Widows' and Orphans' Home, Meadville; Odd Fellows' Cemetery, Philadelphia; Odd Fellows' Endowment Association, Pittsburg; Knights of the Covenant, Philadelphia. There are numerous cemeteries and associations connected with individual Lodges, but the above comprise the important ones. We have the Odd Fellows' Library and the General Relief Association, but I do not know whether you propose to include them.

"The Home for Orphans of Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.—Organized March 31st, 1883. Object—To support, maintain and educate orphans of deceased Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania. Receipts, $34,360.98; expenses, $33,253.01, which includes $1,043.27 paid for new pavement on Twentieth street, and furniture bought during the year. For year ending June 6th, 1888, receipts, $5,696; expenses, $4,847.37; money on hand, $1,107.97. Value of real estate, $25,702.80; furniture, and including money, $7,060.35.

"Odd Fellows' Home Association of Western Pennsylvania, Meadville.—Organized April, 1872. Object—Educating and providing for children of deceased members of said Order, and for the relief of members of said Order, and widows

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John W. Stokes, Past Grand Sire, the twenty-fourth of the twenty-nine who have occupied the most exalted position in the Order, and presided over this Supreme Body, died at his residence in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 7th, 1888, aged 74 years. One of the oldest members of this Body, he was ever active in framing the laws that govern the vast army enrolled under the banner of Odd Fellowship, and the evidences of his zeal, ability and industry, are to be found diffused over the thousands of pages of your Journal. The particulars of his busy life; the record of his peaceful death; the simplicity, honesty and purity of his every-day intercourse with his fellow-men; the many noble traits of character that endeared him to all, have formed themes for the facile pens of those who knew him best and loved him most.

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Portrait of H. F. Garey, P. G. Sire	$300 00	$300 00	.....
Mileage and Per Diem	28,130 80	28,130 80	.....
Daily Journal	1,200 00	1,060 85	$139 15
Officers' Reports	400 00	342 22	57 78
Revised Journal	4,000 00	3,723 55	276 45
Books and Charts	5,700 00	5,437 18	262 82
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Salaries	5,300 00	5,300 00	.....
Fuel, etc	400 00	228 85	171 15
Incidentals	1,000 00	947 85	52 15
Postage on Reports and Journals	400 00	368 00	32 00
Committee on Appeals	135 00	135 00	.....
Sub-Committee on Finance	35 00	35 00	.....
Committee on Printing Supplies	44 00	44 00	.....
Committee on Patriarchs Militant Degree	66 00	66 00	.....
Committee on Removal	290 35	290 35	.....
Grand Sire's Expenses	95 00	95 00	.....
*Clerical Assistance for the Grand Sire	500 00	250 00	250 00
Deputy Grand Sire's Assistant	30 00	30 00	.....
Care of Wildey and Ridgely Monuments	50 00	50 00	.....
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Repairs to furniture of the Sovereign Grand Lodge	200 00	200 00	.....
I. A. Sheppard, Grand Treasurer, exchange on Denver, and check-book	44 25	44 25	.....
G. C. Schueler, D. D. Grand Sire, Indian Territory, expenses	20 10	20 10	.....
L. Bourdonnay, instituting Lodge at Havre, France	350 00	350 00	.....
Grand Canton Philadelphia, No. 1, Pennsylvania, refunded	5 00	5 00	.....
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Alabama	.....	$158 75	$150 00	$308 75
Arizona	.....	62 91	75 00	137 91
Arkansas	.....	271 30	150 00	421 30
Australasia	$66 30	15 90	.....	82 20
British Columbia	.....	44 52	.....	44 52
California	.....	1,060 00	150 00	1,210 00
Chile	1 83	98 17	.....	100 00
Colorado	.....	330 60	150 00	480 60
Connecticut	.....	541 20	150 00	691 20
Dakota	.....	434 60	150 00	584 60
Delaware	.....	49 75	150 00	199 75
District of Columbia	.....	43 50	150 00	193 50
Florida	.....	55 65	75 00	130 65
Georgia	.....	174 95	150 00	324 95
Idaho	75 00	269 02	75 00	419 02
Illinois	.....	2,153 30	150 00	2,303 30
Indiana	.....	1,769 75	150 00	1,919 75
Iowa	.....	1,175 00	150 00	1,325 00
Kansas	.....	894 50	150 00	1,044 50
Kentucky	150 00	254 65	.....	404 65
Louisiana	.....	48 50	75 00	123 50
Lower Provinces, B. N. A	.....	127 50	150 00	277 50
Maine	.....	529 00	150 00	679 00
Manitoba	150 00	106 30	150 00	406 30
Maryland	.....	103 80	150 00	253 80
Massachusetts	.....	1,591 50	150 00	1,741 50
Michigan	.....	856 25	150 00	1,006 25
Minnesota	.....	943 45	150 00	1,093 45
Mississippi	.....	55 05	75 00	130 05
Missouri	.....	670 50	150 00	820 50
Montana	.....	174 10	150 00	324 10
Nebraska	.....	478 90	150 00	628 90
Nevada	.....	136 10	150 00	286 10
New Hampshire	.....	752 25	150 00	902 25
New Jersey	.....	709 00	150 00	859 00
New Mexico	.....	31 33	75 00	106 33
New York	255 00	1,823 65	150 00	2,228 65
North Carolina	.....	80 50	150 00	230 50
Ohio	.....	1,728 40	150 00	1,878 40
Ontario	.....	615 35	150 00	765 35
Oregon	.....	254 80	150 00	404 80
Pennsylvania	.....	2,211 00	150 00	2,361 00
Quebec	69 93	46 80	75 00	191 73
Rhode Island	.....	433 50	150 00	583 50
South Carolina	.....	19 00	75 00	94 00
Tennessee	.....	282 25	150 00	432 25
Texas	.....	298 00	150 00	448 00
Utah	.....	154 25	75 00	229 25
Vermont	.....	312 50	150 00	462 50
Virginia	.....	93 90	150 00	243 90
Washington	.....	238 20	150 00	388 20
West Virginia	.....	294 85	150 00	444 85
Wisconsin	.....	625 60	150 00	775 60
Wyoming	.....	49 60	75 00	124 60
	$768 06	$26,733 70	$6,750 00	$34,251 76

RECEIPTS, *August 21st, 1887, to August 15th, 1888*—Continued.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Balances Aug. 21st, 1887.	Charter and Supplies.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Alabama	.....	$6 00	.....	$6 00
Arkansas	.....	27 20	.....	27 20
California	.....	100 00	$150 00	250 00
Colorado	.....	29 75	75 00	104 75
Connecticut	.....	24 00	150 00	174 00
Dakota	.....	10 00	75 00	85 00
Delaware	.....	18 50	75 00	93 50
District of Columbia	.....	16 00	.....	16 00
Florida	$78 60	.....	75 00	153 60
Georgia	.....	9 28	75 00	84 28
Idaho	.....	30 00	.....	30 00
Illinois	.....	159 90	150 00	309 90
Indiana	.....	98 00	150 00	248 00
Iowa	.....	110 00	150 00	260 00
Kansas	.....	88 00	150 00	238 00
Kentucky	150 00	20 71	.....	170 71
Louisiana	.....	50	75 00	75 50
Maine	.....	40 00	150 00	190 00
Maryland	.....	6 60	150 00	156 60
Massachusetts	.....	150 50	150 00	300 50
Michigan	.....	122 00	150 00	272 00
Minnesota	.....	68 50	150 00	218 50
Mississippi	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Missouri	.....	3 00	150 00	153 00
Montana	.....	38 50	75 00	113 50
Nebraska	.....	26 00	75 00	101 00
Nevada	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
New Hampshire	.....	86 00	150 00	236 00
New Jersey	.....	222 50	150 00	372 50
New York	.....	120 25	150 00	270 25
North Carolina	.....	24 78	75 00	99 78
Ohio	.....	212 50	150 00	362 50
Ontario	.....	58 00	150 00	208 00
Oregon	.....	54 00	75 00	129 00
Pennsylvania	.....	329 80	150 00	479 80
Rhode Island	.....	36 00	150 00	186 00
Tennessee	.....	22 00	75 00	97 00
Texas	.....	16 02	75 00	91 02
Utah	.....	41 20	.....	41 20
Vermont	.....	42 60	75 00	117 60
Virginia	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Washington	.....	29 00	75 00	104 00
West Virginia	.....	18 60	75 00	93 60
Wisconsin	.....	34 80	150 00	184 80
Wyoming	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
	$228 60	$2,550 99	$4,425 00	$7,204 59

RECEIPTS, *August 21st, 1887, to August 15th, 1888*—Continued.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.	Balances Aug. 21st, 1887.	Charters and Supplies.	Dues.	Total.
ALBERTA, CANADA.				
Alberta ..... No. 1	.....	$6 50	$32 32	$38 82
CHILE, SOUTH AMERICA.				
Germania ..... No. 4	.....	30 00	.....	30 00
CUBA.				
Porvenir ..... No. 1	.....	.....	8 15	8 15
Fraternidad Universal ..... " 2	.....	25 00	11 00	36 00
Havana ..... " 4	.....	.....	9 70	9 70
Hijos del Trabajo ..... " 7	.....	10 00	35 00	45 00
FRANCE, EUROPE.				
Concorde ..... No. 1	.....	.....	63 63	63 63
INDIAN TERRITORY.				
Caddo ..... No. 1	.....	2 50	3 62	6 12
Pocahontas ..... " 2	.....	7 00	30 80	37 80
Cyclone ..... " 3	.....	18 87	66 97	85 84
Tahlequah ..... " 4	$1 00	3 00	7 70	11 70
Atoka ..... " 5	.....	7 00	23 66	30 66
Thomas Wildey ..... " 6	.....	47 00	.....	47 00
South Canadian ..... " 7	.....	42 35	.....	42 35
MEXICO.				
Ridgely ..... No. 1	8 00	27 91	38 61	74 52
Juarez ..... " 2	.....	.....	9 68	9 68
NETHERLANDS, EUROPE.				
Paradise ..... No. 1	5 68	.....	14 18	19 86
Mount Sinai ..... " 2	.....	.....	21 14	21 14
Prins Hendrik ..... " 3	.....	30 00	.....	30 00
NEW MEXICO.				
Albuquerque ..... No. 1	.....	2 50	12 50	15 00
Paradise ..... " 2	.....	.....	11 59	11 59
Aztlan ..... " 3	.....	.....	10 85	10 85
Las Vegas ..... " 4	.....	4 50	33 29	37 79
San Vicente ..... " 5	.....	.....	21 75	21 75
Deming ..... " 6	.....	.....	16 95	16 95
Gem City ..... " 7	.....	.....	10 20	10 20
Raton ..... " 8	.....	.....	33 70	33 70
The Percha ..... " 9	.....	4 20	38 75	42 95
Fidelity ..... "10	.....	2 00	30 74	32 74
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.				
Lima ..... No. 1	.....	.....	9 31	9 31
Fortschritt ..... " 3	.....	1 00	3 00	4 00
Chalaco ..... " 4	.....	.....	23 19	23 19
SANDWICH ISLANDS.				
Excelsior ..... No. 1	.....	.....	85 51	85 51
Harmony ..... " 3	....	.....	51 18	51 18
SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA.				
Saskatchewan ..... No. 1	.....	50 25	.....	50 25
SWEDEN, EUROPE.				
Veritas ..... No. 2	.....	30 00	.....	30 00
Amicitia ..... " 3	.....	30 00	.....	30 00
Sundry Subordinate Lodges	.....	63 34	.....	63 34
Atoka D. L., D. of R., No. 1, Ind. Ter.	.....	5 00	.....	5 00
Independence D. L., D of R., No. 2, I. T.	.....	4 00	.....	4 00
Pacific D. L , D. of R., No. 1, S. Islands	.....	50 00	.....	50 00
	$14 68	$503 92	$768 67	$1,287 27

RECEIPTS, *August 21st, 1887, to August 15th, 1888*—Continued.

SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS, CANTONS, AND INDIVIDUALS.	Balances Aug. 21st, 1887.	Charters and Supplies.	Dues.	Total.
ARIZONA.				
Granite ..... No. 1			$10 20	$10 20
Floral ..... " 2			19 12	19 12
Gila ..... " 3		$30 00		30 00
IDAHO.				
Idaho ..... No. 1		1 09	12 47	13 56
Ridgely ..... " 2		33 00	14 50	47 50
Temple ..... " 3		30 00		30 00
Ivanhoe ..... " 4		36 15		36 15
Enterprise ..... " 5		30 00		30 00
INDIAN TERRITORY.				
Ridgely ..... No. 1			8 95	8 95
Pushmataha ..... " 2		5 25	7 70	12 95
LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.				
Stuart ..... No. 10			1 25	1 25
Milicete ..... " 11			3 75	3 75
Halifax ..... " 12			6 55	6 55
Port La Joie ..... " 13			2 50	2 50
Belvedere ..... " 14			2 75	2 75
MANITOBA, CANADA.				
Harmony ..... No. 1			11 48	11 48
La Prairie ..... " 2			2 94	2 94
Eureka ..... " 3			11 20	11 20
Excelsior ..... " 4		30 00		30 00
MEXICO.				
Hidalgo ..... No. 1		31 56		31 56
NEW MEXICO.				
James L. Ridgely ..... No. 1			3 65	3 65
Las Vegas ..... " 2		6 00	18 95	24 95
Albuquerque ..... " 4			2 45	2 45
Raton ..... " 5		31 25		31 25
SANDWICH ISLANDS.				
Polynesia ..... No. 1			28 96	28 96
UTAH.				
Wasatch ..... No. 3			20 15	20 15
Excelsior ..... " 4		30 00	12 07	42 07
Uinta ..... " 5		30 00	2 50	32 50
		$324 30	$204 09	$528 39
Sundry Encampments		10 58		10 58
		$334 88	$204 09	$538 97
Sundry Cantons		566 00		566 00
Sundry Individuals		893 15		893 15
		$1,794 03	$204 09	$1,998 12

RECAPITULATED.

Receipts from Grand Lodges	$34,251 76
" " Grand Encampments	7,204 59
" " Subordinate Lodges	1,287 27
" " Subordinate Encampments	538 97
" " Cantons of Patriarchs Militant	566 00
" " Individuals	893 15
Ordinary revenue	$44,741 74
United States bonds sold	5,500 00
Premium and interest on United States bonds	3,174 73
Total revenue	$53,416 47
Appropriation for care of Wildey Monument, returned	25 00
Total cash paid to Grand Treasurer	$53,441 47
Ordinary revenue	$44,741 74
Balances (Dr. $1,213.96, Cr. $206.88)	1,007 08
	$45,748 82
Amount August 20th, 1887, per Journal, page 10,802	47,110 72
Less for fractional year, August 21st, 1887, to August 15th, 1888	$1,361 90

On account of the session of 1888 being held in Los Angeles, California, it was found necessary (in order to get the reports printed in time to forward by railroad), to close the books on the 15th of August, thus the foregoing statement does not embrace the business of an entire year. The debit balances due, amount to $1,213.96, being $486 52 less than the amount August 20th, 1887.

The orders for supplies (exclusive of Rituals for Cantons, on requisitions of the Lieutenant-General) numbered 798, being 4 less than in the preceding year.

The balance-sheet herewith, exhibits a net profit of $442 37, accounted for as follows:

Net profit on Books		$9,590 16
" " " Visiting and Withdrawal Cards	$13,432 81	
" " " Rebekah Cards	643 46	
" " " Widows' Cards	5 78	
" " " Dismissal Certificates	678 11	
		14,760 16
" " " Encampment and Lodge Charts		1,468 05
" " " Odes—Lodge, Encampment, etc		1,306 28
" " " Diplomas	$962 26	
" " " Rebekah Certificates	20	
		962 46
Total for supplies		$28,087 11
Interest and premium on United States bonds	$3,174 73	
Representative tax	12,000 00	
Dues of Subordinates	991 74	
Charter fees	420 00	
Cantons of Patriarchs Militant (Rituals not sent)	25 00	
		16,611 47
Total		$44,698 58
Less annual expenses	$6,524 25	
Sixty-third annual session	37,667 21	
Ridgely Monument	25 00	
Sundry accounts closed	39 75	
		44,256 21
Net profit		$442 37

The amount to the debit of the sixty-third session is $37,667.21, exceeding by $4,842.80, the outlay for the session of 1886. The expense account amounted to $6,524.25, being $1,074.74 less than the previous year.

The assets of the Sovereign Grand Lodge amount to $118,572.43, viz.:

*Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer	$29,775 90
United States bonds	50,300 00
Steel and electro plates	10,807 75
Library, cost of binding volumes	1,018 38
Grand Lodge Building, in Baltimore, cost	4,781 32
Supplies at cost	12,089 84
Paintings and furniture	8,792 16
Balances due ($1,213.96, less credit balances, $206.88)	1,007 08
	$118,572 43
Amount August 20th, 1887 (Journal, page 10,803)	118,130 06
Increase	$442 37

The following is a gratifying exhibit of the results attained in the year 1887, by Bodies reporting to the Sovereign Grand Lodge:

RETURNS FOR THE YEARS 1886 AND 1887.

	Dec. 31st, 1886.	Dec. 31st, 1887.	Increase.
Grand Lodges	54	54	.....
Grand Encampments	44	45	1
Subordinate Lodges	8,109	8,331	222
Subordinate Encampments	1,996	2,048	52
Rebekah Degree Lodges	1,345	1,498	153
Lodge initiations	44,906	53,331	8,425
Encampment initiations	9,637	10,932	1,295
Lodge members	530,300	555,722	25,422
Encampment members	97,773	101,742	3,969
Rebekah D. L. members	67,291	79,565	12,274
Relief by Lodges	$2,002,418 77	$2,119,457 35	$117,038 58
Relief by Encampments	208,614 92	216,634 76	8,019 84
Relief by Rebekah Lodges	16,290 81	17,673 91	1,383 10
Total relief	2,227,324 50	2,353,766 02	126,441 52
Revenue of Lodges	5,079,880 00	5,429,158 77	349,278 77
Revenue of Encampments	496,268 05	527,190 57	30,922 52
Revenue of Rebekah Lodges	83,624 32	108,742 08	25,117 76
Total revenue	5,659,772 37	6,065,091 42	405,319 05

The returns of Grand and Subordinate Lodges show that 58,906 Brothers were relieved, $1,448,136.97 having been expended on that account; benefits were paid for 370,131 weeks, while 8,698 Patriarchs were paid $171,804.60 for 65,235 weeks; 5,863 widowed families received $147,771.73.

The condition of the Order throughout the world, (in affiliation with the Sovereign Grand Lodge), so far as information has been transmitted, is presented in the subjoined statement. If the returns from the German Empire, and the jurisdictions that failed to report, had been received, no doubt some of the items would be increased.

*This is $10.00 less than the amount reported by the Grand Treasurer, on account of the receipt of that amount by him, as explained in his report.

STATISTICS OF THE ORDER FROM 1830 TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1887.

Initiations in Subordinate Lodges	1,517,420
Members relieved	1,328,189
Widowed families relieved	169,766
Members deceased	130,265
Total relief	$46,020,890 79
Total receipts	121,235,779 18

CONDITION OF THE ORDER DECEMBER 31ST, 1887.

Sovereign Grand Lodge	1
Independent Grand Lodges (German Empire and Australasia)	2
Subordinate Grand Encampments	48
Subordinate Encampments	2,077
Subordinate Grand Lodges	65
Subordinate Lodges	8,570
Encampment members	104,405
Lodge members	574,161
Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah	1,498
Brothers members of Rebekah Lodges	39,176
Sisters members of Rebekah Lodges	40,389
Cantons of Patriarchs Militant (estimated)	500
Chevaliers, rank and file (estimated)	20,000

CONCLUSION.

No comment is required concerning the array of figures presented, exhibiting an addition of 25,422 to our roll of Subordinate Lodge members, as the work of the year 1887. This is the largest gain in any year since 1873. Then, as the Journal of 1874 shows, the membership increased 29,767, (from 385,048 to 414,815.) In twelve of the years, from 1873 to 1887, inclusive, the gain aggregated 186,016, while in three years (1878, 1879, 1880) the aggregate loss was 15,342, showing a net gain of 170,674 members, which, added to the 385,048 members, December 31st, 1873, make the number, December 31st, 1887, as reported, 555,722. The aggregate paid for relief in 1873 was $1,490 274.72; in 1887, $2,353,766.02; total receipts in 1873, $4,434,001.08; in 1887, $6,065,-091.42. The increase in membership is about 45; in annual revenue, 50; and annual relief, 60 per cent. Concerning the returns for 1873, Grand Secretary RIDGELY, in his report to session of 1874, said: "These are grand figures, but do they represent a solid and healthful condition? * * * We should know, with equal certainty, the disbursements of Subordinates, as their receipts; in fact, the knowledge of the latter, in the absence of the former, is comparatively valueless. * * * It is not at all improbable, that out of the four and a half millions of gross annual revenue reported, fifty per cent. of the amount is consumed in disbursements, other than for relief. If thirty-three per cent. be added to this for relief, as returned, there remains but seventeen per cent. as actual gain to the capital of the Order. This would present a comparatively unstable system, looking to the inevitable increased responsibilities of the Subordinates, as their membership advances in years." At that time, the "current expenses" were not reported; but information is now furnished on this subject, from several jurisdictions, and selecting at random, five of them, it is found that the current expenses in 1887 were, respectively, 38, 43, 48, 30, 60 per cent. of receipts; average, 44 per cent.; and the relief amounted to 43, 40, 35, 55, 30 per cent.; average, 41 per cent.; total, 85 per cent.; leaving the amount of increased capital 15 instead of 17 per cent., as estimated by Bro. RIDGELY.

The time allotted to the preparation of this report, is too limited to permit much elaboration, and indeed there seems no occasion for extended remarks on the situation. Peace generally prevails in the Order, throughout the land, and

though faint murmurs of discontent reach us from some quarters, it is thought that no serious dissatisfaction exists in our ranks. Such a record as the Order has made, in its existence of less than three score and ten years, ought to be an incentive to every member to press on, knowing no such word as "fail," but taking for his watchword "weary not in well-doing."

We are here, to-day, in California's far-famed city, Los Angeles, renowned for its health-giving atmosphere; its bountiful crops of fruit, the product of its unexampled soil; its generous, whole-souled citizens, who vie with each other in efforts to entertain the stranger within their gates, and you will doubtless, when your labors are finished, leave the city with regret, and with the feeling that the occasion will be remembered with pleasure during the remaining years of life. For the second time in the history of the Order, the session of the Supreme Body is held on the shores of the great Pacific. You have met within hearing of the Atlantic's surf; by the side of the beautiful lakes of Minnesota; in the busy mart, Chicago; in the capital of the Empire State of the South; in the Queen City of the West; in thriving Indianapolis; in Providence; in Boston; in Her Majesty's Dominions, the beautiful city of Toronto; in Philadelphia and Baltimore, since the memorable session of 1869 in San Francisco.

With the earnest hope that the deliberations of the present session will tend to increase the usefulness of the Order, and swell the additions to the membership, in 1888, far beyond the handsome increase of 1887, I respectfully submit this report.

Theo. A. Rost

Grand Secretary.

Columbus, Ohio, September, 1888.

TABLES ACCOMPANYING REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES *on hand August 20th, 1887, received and disposed of during the year, and on hand August 15th, 1888.*

	On hand August 20th, 1887, per Journal, p. 10,807.	Received during the year.	Total.	Disposed of during the year.	On hand August 15th, 1888.
Grand Lodge Books	225	.....	225	8	217
Grand Encampment Books	230	.....	230	15	215
Encampment Institution Books	209	.....	209	22	187
*Encampment Charge Books	656	519	1,175	606	569
Encampment Charts	2,756	.....	2,756	143	2,613
Patriarchs Militant Rituals	231	.....	231	215	16
Patriarchs Militant Tactics	18	50	68	22	46
Patriarchs Militant Organizations	630	.....	630	6	624
Uniformed Degree Camp Rituals	97	.....	97	.....	97
Uniformed Degree Camp Charters	141	.....	141	.....	141
*Lodge Institution Books	545	.....	545	78	467
Lodge Public Installation Books (Ger.)	118	.....	118	2	116
Lodge Charge Books (1880)	80	.....	80	.....	80
Degree Charge Books (1880)	24	.....	24	22	2
Degree Lodge Installation Books	77	.....	77	1	76
Question Books	26	225	251	125	126
†Lodge Rituals	1,429	2,075	3,504	2,232	1,272
Degree Charts	3,237	.....	3,237	385	2,852
*Rebekah Degree Lodge Installation Books	572	.....	572	16	556
*Rebekah Degree Books	700	259	959	327	632
*Rituals, Rebekah Degree Lodge	428	779	1,207	669	538
‡Subordinate and Rebekah Odes	24,772	31,000	55,772	31,073	24,699
Book of Odes with Music	316	521	837	518	319
Encampment Book of Odes	1,127	1,025	2,152	1,718	434
Visiting and Withdrawal Cards	12,011	72,000	84,011	74,050	9,961
Rebekah Visiting and Withdrawal Cards	905	5,925	6,830	3,157	3,673
Wife or Widows' Cards	209	.....	209	34	175
Dismissal Certificates	3,572	3,000	6,572	3,693	2,879
Petitions for Membership	20,067	.....	20,067	9,800	10,267
Rebekah Certificates	450	.....	450	4	446
*Diplomas	1,267	2,661	3,928	2,708	1,220
Book of Forms	555	1,012	1,567	645	922
Anniversary Ceremony	236	517	753	440	313
*Funeral Ceremony	443	3,558	4,001	1,814	2,187
*Burial Ceremony for a Daughter of Rebekah	.....	4,048	4,048	1,318	2,730
‖Bound Journals	1,826	1,000	2,826	785	2,041
Digests to 1884	102	515	617	609	8
Additions to Digest, Legislation of 1882	2,149	.....	2,149	.....	2,149
Additions to Digest, 1882–1884	3,847	.....	3,847	537	3,310
Additions to Digest, 1871–1874	441	.....	441	.....	441
Digests to 1874	321	.....	321	1	320

*English and German. †English, German, French, Spanish, Bohemian and Norwegian. ‡Subordinate Odes—English, German, French, Spanish and Norwegian; Rebekah Odes—English and German. ‖685 volumes to Grand Representatives. 36 volumes presented to the State Library, City Library, and Board of Trade, Denver, Colorado.

CERTIFICATES OF OLD REBEKAH DEGREE BOOKS DESTROYED.

Under the resolution, page 10,906, Journal, extending the time for exchange of old Rituals in use by Rebekah Degree Lodges, to April 1st, 1888, certificates, as below, were presented, and a credit of one dollar for each copy destroyed was given:

Grand Lodge of Indiana	24	copies.
" " " Iowa	20	"
" " " Nebraska	18	"
" " " New Hampshire	20	"
" " " New Jersey	13	"
" " " New York	28	"
" " " Wyoming	12	"
Atoka Degree Lodge, No. 1, D. of R., Indian Territory	3	"
Independence Degree Lodge, No. 2, D. of R., Indian Territory	4	"
Total	142	"

LEDGER BALANCES, *August 16th, 1888.*

Page.		DR.	CR.
1	Stock		$118,572 43
7	Isaac A. Sheppard, Grand Treasurer	$29,775 90	
20	United States Bonds	50,300 00	
22	Grand Lodge Degree Book	108 50	
26	Grand Encampment Degree Book	66 65	
30	Encampment Institution Book	43 01	
34	Encampment Charge Book	153 63	
38	Encampment Chart	1,547 40	
42	Patriarchs Militant Ritual	16 00	
46	Patriarchs Militant Tactics	36 80	
47	Patriarchs Militant Organization	156 00	
48	Uniformed Degree Camp Ritual	41 10	
48	Uniformed Degree Camp Charter	56 40	
49	Lodge Institution Book	121 42	
51	Lodge Public Installation Book	31 32	
52	Lodge Charge Book	20 00	
53	Lodge Degree Book	50	
54	Degree Lodge Installation Book	23 56	
55	Question Book	49 32	
56	Lodge Ritual	381 90	
62	Degree Chart	1,394 00	
63	Rebekah Lodge, D. of R., Installation Book	139 00	
64	Rebekah Degree Book	158 00	
66	Rebekah Degree Lodge Ritual	145 46	
70	Subordinate and Rebekah Lodge Odes	370 49	
76	Book of Odes	63 80	
78	Encampment Ode Book	40 66	
80	Visiting and Withdrawal Cards	174 32	
86	Rebekah Visiting and Withdrawal Cards	63 46	
90	Wife or Widow's Card	5 25	
91	Dismissal Certificate	86 37	
95	Petition for Membership	25 67	
96	Rebekah Certificate	66 90	
98	Diplomas	122 00	
102	Book of Forms	276 60	
106	Anniversary Ceremony	37 56	
110	Funeral Ceremony	218 70	

LEDGER BALANCES, *August 16th, 1888*—Continued.

Page		DR.	CR.
113	Burial Ceremony for D. of R.	$163 80	
114	Bound Journals	4,286 10	
118	Digest (to 1884)	12 00	
122	Digest Additions (Legislation 1882)	128 94	
122	Digest Additions (Legislation 1882–4)	469 12	
123	Digest Additions (1871–4)	148 13	
123	Digest (to 1874)	640 00	
153	Electrotype Plates	6,750 75	
154	Steel and Copper Plates	4,057 00	
155	Furniture and Fixtures	8,792 16	
156	Library	1,018 38	
157	Grand Lodge Building	4,781 32	
210	Grand Lodge of Australasia	13 70	
212	Grand Lodge of British Columbia	75 00	
220	Grand Lodge of Chile		$95 97
240	Grand Lodge of Denmark		15 25
256	Grand Lodge of German Empire	191 02	
293	Grand Lodge of Kentucky	150 00	
368	Grand Lodge of New Jersey		13 00
393	Grand Lodge of New South Wales	2 06	
394	Grand Lodge of New Zealand	76 87	
429	Grand Lodge of Switzerland	2 20	
203	Grand Encampment of Alabama	75 00	
209	Grand Encampment of Arkansas	150 00	
259	Grand Encampment of Idaho	97 76	
296	Grand Encampment of Kentucky	150 00	
443	Grand Encampment of Utah	75 00	
485	Germania Lodge, No. 4, Chile		12 00
486	Porvenir Lodge, No. 1, Cuba	2 67	
486	Fraternidad Universal Lodge, No. 2, Cuba	82	
487	Havana Lodge, No. 4, Cuba	2 40	
488	America Lodge, No. 5, Cuba	1 05	
488	Regla Lodge, No. 6, Cuba	3 25	
489	Hijos del Trabajo Lodge, No. 7, Cuba	78	
490	Concorde Lodge, No. 1, France	9 57	
490	Fraternité Lodge, No. 2, France	30 00	
496	Ridgely Lodge, No. 1, Mexico		5 51
496	Juarez Lodge, No. 2, Mexico		11 41
498	Paradise Lodge, No. 1, Netherlands	2 68	
499	Prins Hendrik Lodge, No. 3, Netherlands		12 00
503	Gem City Lodge, No. 7, New Mexico		1 00
673	Verbena Lodge, No. 42, Virginia	25	
520	Valdemar Encampment, No. 1, Denmark		13 80
520	Knud Lavard Encampment, No. 2, Denmark	44 02	
521	Niels Ebbesens Encampment, No. 3, Denmark	9 77	
521	Skjalm Hoides Encampment, No. 4, Denmark	4 52	
524	Idaho Encampment, No. 1, Idaho		1 09
542	Eidgenossen Encampment, No. 1, Switzerland	35 07	
544	Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, Utah	3 00	
546	Aztec Uniformed Degree Camp, No. 1, N. Mexico.		5 00
548	Atoka Degree Lodge, No. 1, D. of R., Ind. Ter.		2 00
549	Pacific Degree Lodge, No. 1, D. of R., Sand. Isl'ds.		8 85
564	Canton Baum, No. 27, Indiana		10 00
591	Diaz Fezano	2 50	
591	Jose Larborio Diaz	3 00	
		$118,779 31	$118,779 31

Balance Sheet, *Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows*

Columbus, Ohio, August 15th, 1888.	Page.	Face of the Ledger.		Supplies.		Profit and Loss.		Stock.		Balances.	
		DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.
Stock	1		$118,130 06						$118,130 06		
Profit and Loss	3	$38 25	25 00			$38 25	$25 00				
Cash	5	53,441 47	53,441 47								
I. A. Sheppard, Grand Treasurer	7	79,260 53	49,484 63							$29,775 90	
Interest	16		3,174 73				3,174 73				
United States Bonds	20	55,800 00	5,500 00							50,300 00	
Ridgely Monument Fund	158	25 00				25 00					
Wildey Monument Fund	159	25 00	25 00								
Supplies	22–123	17,116 51	33,112 28	$17,116 51	$33,112 28						
Electro, Steel and Copper Plates	153 & 154	10,807 75								10,807 75	
Furniture and Library	155 & 156	9,810 54								9,810 54	
Grand Lodge Building	157	4,781 32								4,781 32	
Annual Expenses	161	6,804 61	280 36			6,524 25					
Sixty-third Annual Session	168	37,912 71	245 50			37,667 21					
Representative Tax and Dues	174 & 178	75 00	13,066 74				12,991 74				
Charters	182		420 00				420 00				
Grand & Sub. Bodies and Individuals		50,376 09	49,369 01							1,213 96	$206 88
		$326,274 78	$326,274 78								
Supplies per Inventory,					12,089 84					12,089 84	
Profit				28,085 61			28,085 61				
				$45,202 12	$45,202 12						
Net Gain						442 37			442 37		
						$44,697 08	$44,697 08				
Capital								$118,572 43			
								$118,572 43	$118,572 43		
Assets										$118,779 31	
Liabilities											$206 88
Net Capital											118,572 43
										$118,779 31	$118,779 31

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand Lodges to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the December 31st, 1887, and name of Grand Lodge chartered*

JURISDICTION.	Lodges.	Members Dec. 31, 1886.	ADD.				Total.
			Error in last report.	Initiated.	Admitted by card.	Reinstated.	
Alabama	35	1,507	.....	160	27	10	1,704
Arizona	7	326	.....	59	21	5	411
Arkansas	73	1,592	.....	288	154	26	2,060
British Columbia	9	700	.....	135	21	2	858
California	308	24,375	.....	1,866	439	182	26,862
*Chile	.....	263	.....	.....	.....	.....	263
Colorado	68	3,448	.....	579	269	78	4,374
Connecticut	60	10,107	.....	967	51	25	11,150
Dakota	94	3,462	.....	602	228	50	4,342
Delaware	32	2,431	.....	157	3	7	2,598
†Denmark	21	1,923	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,923
District of Columbia	15	1,620	.....	136	15	10	1,781
Florida	20	555	1	94	18	14	682
Georgia	55	2,038	.....	325	198	72	2,633
Idaho	22	547	3	156	81	3	790
Illinois	693	31,806	.....	3,574	721	633	36,734
Indiana	552	26,270	.....	2,897	774	506	30,447
Iowa	470	21,461	134	1,836	566	288	24,285
Kansas	322	12,885	.....	1,798	1,131	152	15,966
Kentucky	146	6,948	.....	605	100	118	7,771
Louisiana	21	751	.....	189	20	18	978
Lower Provinces, B. N. A.	42	2,303	.....	264	40	42	2,649
Maine	115	16,041	.....	1,176	62	59	17,338
Manitoba	14	1,005	.....	129	22	3	1,159
Maryland	105	9,052	.....	280	12	22	9,366
Massachusetts	190	32,759	.....	3,496	288	81	36,624
Michigan	380	17,302	.....	2,219	454	544	20,519
Minnesota	119	6,471	10	885	319	111	7,796
Mississippi	26	956	3	94	35	30	1,118
Missouri	387	15,154	.....	1,393	397	227	17,171
Montana	25	1,060	.....	134	104	15	1,313
Nebraska	150	5,610	18	755	413	89	6,885
Nevada	25	1,433	.....	110	78	20	1,641
New Hampshire	74	9,483	.....	683	52	48	10,266
New Jersey	211	18,775	.....	1,990	229	86	21,080
‡New Mexico	10	.....	.....	.....	394	.....	394
New York	531	44,191	.....	5,321	652	311	50,475
North Carolina	36	1,169	.....	162	25	10	1,366
Ohio	677	49,267	.....	3,877	753	620	54,517
Ontario	215	14,856	.....	1,606	140	141	16,743
Oregon	86	3,560	.....	333	150	35	4,078
Pennsylvania	941	81,480	.....	7,694	939	668	90,781
†Quebec	13	773	.....	.....	.....	.....	773
Rhode Island	46	5,539	.....	373	25	20	5,957
South Carolina	16	611	.....	86	12	25	734
Switzerland	5	179	.....	23	3	.....	205
Tennessee	126	3,420	.....	317	57	64	3,858
Texas	163	4,450	94	433	211	212	5,400
Utah	8	498	.....	92	6	10	606
Vermont	31	2,101	.....	310	62	26	2,499
Virginia	56	3,416	.....	472	48	44	3,980
Washington	50	1,808	5	350	111	13	2,287
West Virginia	80	3,629	.....	473	44	75	4,221
Wisconsin	309	14,983	178	897	193	196	16,447
Wyoming	12	504	3	63	15	10	595
	8,297	528,853	449	52,913	11,173	6,056	599,453

*Charter surrendered. †Report for 1887 not received. ‡Instituted September 7th, 1887.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from January 1st to between September 1st, 1887, and August 15th, 1888.

JURISDICTION.	DEDUCT.						Members Dec. 31, 1887.
	Error in last report.	Withdr'wn by card.	Suspended or dropped.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Total.	
Alabama	.....	25	70	.....	10	105	1,599
Arizona	.....	12	35	2	2	51	360
Arkansas	.....	147	182	11	20	360	1,700
British Columbia	.....	8	25	1	22	56	802
California	.....	379	907	33	320	1,639	25,223
*Chile	.....	.....	263	.....	.....	263	.....
Colorado	12	136	328	8	45	529	3,845
Connecticut	.....	74	221	5	117	417	10,733
Dakota	.....	163	293	5	21	482	3,860
Delaware	.....	3	84	.....	29	116	2,482
†Denmark	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,923
District of Columbia	.....	12	113	.....	30	155	1,626
Florida	.....	27	64	3	7	101	581
Georgia	.....	71	206	4	15	296	2,337
Idaho	2	34	40	4	2	82	708
Illinois	.....	988	2,438	83	325	3,834	32,900
Indiana	56	542	1,282	80	277	2,237	28,210
Iowa	284	645	1,339	53	159	2,480	21,805
Kansas	.....	497	642	23	110	1,272	14,694
Kentucky	.....	89	321	6	80	496	7,275
Louisiana	1	23	75	.....	15	114	864
Lower Provinces, B. N. A.	1	61	249	2	19	332	2,317
Maine	.....	114	264	9	151	538	16,800
Manitoba	.....	27	103	4	6	140	1,019
Maryland	.....	25	290	5	204	524	8,842
Massachusetts	.....	296	373	16	359	1,044	35,580
Michigan	.....	640	1,273	48	145	2,106	18,413
Minnesota	9	337	410	11	53	820	6,976
Mississippi	242	22	54	3	15	336	782
Missouri	.....	361	850	38	148	1,397	15,774
Montana	.....	29	73	1	20	123	1,190
Nebraska	.....	212	465	21	28	726	6,159
Nevada	.....	97	53	2	30	182	1,459
New Hampshire	.....	85	143	2	107	337	9,929
New Jersey	4	186	765	22	235	1,212	19,868
‡New Mexico	.....	.....	2	.....	1	3	391
New York	.....	690	2,384	35	671	3,780	46,695
North Carolina	.....	15	160	4	14	193	1,173
Ohio	.....	835	2,227	113	538	3,713	50,804
Ontario	9	225	1,050	7	99	1,390	15,353
Oregon	.....	147	216	7	25	395	3,683
Pennsylvania	.....	675	4,138	50	1,108	5,971	84,810
†Quebec	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	773
Rhode Island	4	38	144	4	72	262	5,695
South Carolina	92	15	50	19	25	201	533
Switzerland	5	5	1	.....	5	16	189
Tennessee	.....	83	297	15	37	432	3,426
Texas	.....	218	739	18	49	1,024	4,376
Utah	.....	11	54	.....	7	72	534
Vermont	.....	75	95	1	21	192	2,307
Virginia	.....	56	172	11	35	274	3,706
Washington	3	91	103	7	16	220	2,067
West Virginia	.....	50	226	6	35	317	3,904
Wisconsin	.....	410	1,038	18	167	1,633	14,814
Wyoming	4	14	26	6	9	59	536
	728	10,020	27,415	826	6,060	45,043	554,404

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ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand Lodges to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the December 31st, 1887, and name of Grand Lodge chartered*

JURISDICTION.	Brothers relieved.	Weeks' benefits paid.	Widowed families relieved.	Brothers buried.	Paid for the relief of Brothers.	Paid for the relief of widowed families.
Alabama	98	322	17	10	$1,417 25	$208 96
Arizona	35	114	.....	2	1,006 50	.....
Arkansas	178	578	5	20	1,632 00	78 50
British Columbia	114	658	7	22	5,446 75	610 00
California	3,091	20,930	190	320	164,030 37	12 883 65
*Chile	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colorado	436	2,184	17	45	12,902 45	378 65
Connecticut	1,088	8,462	10	117	27,848 25	208 30
Dakota	131	722	10	21	3,018 50	150 70
Delaware	299	2,222	16	29	9,695 50	192 13
†Denmark	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
District of Columbia	296	1,660	65	30	6,425 50	3,010 20
Florida	76	203	10	7	1,021 70	433 00
Georgia	200	871	36	15	3,380 50	596 50
Idaho	54	271	5	2	1,932 00	244 00
Illinois	3,408	15,063	287	325	57,756 90	4.675 30
Indiana	3,189	16,431	339	277	66,234 86	5,067 23
Iowa	1,287	7,115	93	159	23,455 08	3,551 08
Kansas	876	5,174	197	110	17,654 00	1,285 30
Kentucky	1,001	4,264	226	80	17,324 60	3,684 39
Louisiana	105	407	42	15	2,070 00	667 00
Lower Prov., B. N. A.	167	982	19	19	2,429 37	213 17
Maine	1,405	13,982	28	151	43,261 46	478 18
Manitoba	76	397	5	6	1,582 13	130 00
Maryland	1,743	6,582	196	204	33,178 89	20,220 65
Massachusetts	4,047	26,420	566	359	88,621 71	6,107 48
Michigan	621	2,510	141	145	12,015 63	3,042 00
Minnesota	467	2,463	34	53	9,034 19	666 46
Mississippi	92	354	13	15	1,240 50	212 00
Missouri	1,632	6,749	479	148	22,862 95	12,546 95
Montana	181	681	3	20	4,600 00	170 00
Nebraska	290	1,375	15	28	4,595 90	300 80
Nevada	166	1,201	14	30	8,258 70	510 45
New Hampshire	1 224	9,954	20	107	21,095 59	366 52
New Jersey	2,200	16,386	97	235	70,188 44	2,026 68
‡New Mexico	4	5	.....	1	25 00	.....
New York	5,217	30,525	410	671	131,014 99	16,637 23
North Carolina	120	456	20	14	1,296 55	123 65
Ohio	4,704	35,959	597	538	112,506 86	9,059 60
Ontario	1,787	8,624	310	99	31,351 0'	12,986 88
Oregon	479	1,689	49	25	13,440 00	2,468 60
Pennsylvania	12,702	92,043	633	1,108	326,253 39	6,257 75
†Quebec	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rhode Island	432	6,056	54	72	24,768 34	527 96
South Carolina	76	75	20	25	636 50	122 00
Switzerland	7	78	13	5	156 00	390 00
Tennessee	291	1,553	87	37	6,372 15	1,721 50
Texas	447	1,417	44	49	6,083 60	1,338 20
Utah	44	256	5	7	1,556 90	247 42
Vermont	118	848	.....	21	2,273 30	25 00
Virginia	634	3,257	114	35	9,989 00	2,191 00
Washington	185	763	5	16	4,653 60	171 66
West Virginia	526	2,625	30	35	9,364 81	261 91
Wisconsin	683	5,255	76	167	13,272 94	2,778 23
Wyoming	51	333	3	9	2,124 50	80 00
	58,780	369,484	5,672	6,060	$1,444,357 62	$142,304 82

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Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from January 1st to between September 1st, 1887, and August 15th, 1888—Continued.

JURISDICTION.	Paid for the education of orphans.	Paid for burying the dead.	Special relief.	Total relief.	Total receipts
Alabama	$165 00	$420 00	$280 00	$2,491 21	$10,240 50
Arizona	.....	180 00	94 00	1,280 50	8,617 09
Arkansas	.....	395 00	391 10	2,496 60	10,678 85
British Columbia	.....	1,635 00	20 00	7,711 75	17,616 06
California	894 40	25,877 20	11,545 06	215,230 68	496,020 59
*Chile	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colorado	.....	2,071 70	.....	15,352 80	46,271 13
Connecticut	10 00	8,485 40	6,701 66	43,253 61	107,432 53
Dakota	333 70	984 75	470 40	4,958 05	46,022 36
Delaware	.....	4,565 00	309 69	14,762 32	33,922 28
†Denmark	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
District of Columbia	118 89	660 00	468 73	10,683 32	18,983 97
Florida	22 00	175 00	111 00	1,762 70	6,473 83
Georgia	45 55	862 50	427 50	5,312 55	16,150 82
Idaho	.....	125 00	317 50	2,618 50	14,758 63
Illinois	295 07	18,199 35	8,385 24	89,311 86	312,058 16
Indiana	809 01	19,040 13	7,862 87	99,014 10	293,736 22
Iowa	10 00	7,885 36	2,273 21	37,174 73	116,615 50
Kansas	61 50	5,322 25	3,718 72	28,041 77	141,227 10
Kentucky	491 20	4,535 00	3,135 06	29,170 25	44,901 93
Louisiana	.....	652 90	.....	3,389 90	9,767 09
Lower Prov., B N. A.	31 00	491 70	152 50	3,317 74	13,441 09
Maine	87 49	5,486 15	2,190 45	51,503 73	123,481 46
Manitoba	.....	195 25	274 40	2,181 78	9,953 25
Maryland	253 80	8,331 13	1,262 36	63,246 83	88,046 10
Massachusetts	160 50	15,572 32	9,794 96	120,256 97	351,874 34
Michigan	7 00	5,415 84	4,370 01	24,850 51	105,646 73
Minnesota	.....	1,715 15	1,478 59	12,894 39	77,103 08
Mississippi	10 25	484 00	10 00	1,956 75	5,060 60
Missouri	5,014 35	7,583 30	3,503 15	51,510 70	104,787 15
Montana	.....	1,333 80	356 00	6,459 80	21,091 43
Nebraska	.....	720 75	1,514 47	7,131 92	55,427 69
Nevada	.....	1,993 40	269 50	11,032 05	27,590 71
New Hampshire	.....	5,090 84	2,771 90	29,324 85	71,385 47
New Jersey	64 65	20,762 07	3,854 20	96,896 04	219,148 26
‡New Mexico	.....	50 00	189 00	264 00	1,789 38
New York	491 85	65,446 72	.....	213,590 79	437,712 59
North Carolina	75 46	571 25	363 30	2,430 21	8,518 00
Ohio	39 95	19,889 67	10,387 97	151,884 05	447,387 49
Ontario	1,624 45	4,463 36	2,406 97	52,232 68	137,981 19
Oregon	123 50	1,465 85	2,245 59	19,743 54	65,578 40
Pennsylvania	2,766 85	104,345 52	10,670 22	450,293 73	826,940 28
†Quebec	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rhode Island	106 00	3,504 00	4,692 37	33,598 67	85,897 13
South Carolina	.....	.....	320 00	1,078 50	3,328 39
Switzerland	.....	70 00	267 62	883 62	2,934 96
Tennessee	980 25	1,310 00	325 00	10,708 90	24,937 20
Texas	149 75	1,931 85	824 00	10,327 40	83,991 98
Utah	.....	621 40	509 30	2,935 02	10,549 20
Vermont	.....	904 00	1,238 29	4,440 59	14,621 61
Virginia	13 00	2,291 00	200 00	14,684 00	33,703 00
Washington	10 00	767 85	725 00	6,328 11	43,645 25
West Virginia	23 61	3,396 90	601 73	13,648 96	44,018 38
Wisconsin	.....	7,713 24	1,513 39	25,277 80	106,109 79
Wyoming	.....	324 25	.....	2,528 75	6,088 42
	$14,690 03	$396,314 10	$115,794 01	$2,113,460 58	$5,411,264 64

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ANNUAL REPORT *of Subordinate Lodges to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the 31st, 1887, and names and location of Lodges chartered*

LODGES.	LOCATION.	Members Dec. 31, 1886.	ADD. Error in last report	ADD. Initiated.	ADD. Admitted by card.	ADD. Reinstated	Total.
ALBERTA, CANADA.							
Alberta.....No. 1	Calgary.....	51	.....	17	1	.....	69
ASSINIBOIA, CANADA.							
*Valley.....No. 1	Moose Jaw.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Moosomin..... " 2	Moosomin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CHILE, SOUTH AMERICA.							
†Valparaiso.....No. 1	Valparaiso.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Pacific..... " 2	Valparaiso.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Germania..... " 4	Valdivia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Concepcion..... " 11	Concepcion.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CUBA.							
Porvenir.....No. 1	Havana.....	80	.....	13	.....	.....	93
Fraternidad Universal..... " 2	Havana.....	60	9	20	1	1	91
‖Cuba..... " 3	Havana.....	95	.....	9	.....	.....	104
Havana..... " 4	Havana.....	43	.....	16	2	.....	61
America..... " 5	Regla.....	23	.....	6	.....	.....	29
†Regla..... " 6	Regla.....	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	28
Hijos del Trabajo..... " 7	Havana.....	.....	.....	65	29	.....	94
FRANCE, EUROPE.							
Concorde.....No. 1	Havre.....	.....	.....	63	12	.....	75
⁂Fraternite..... " 2	Havre.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
INDIAN TERRITORY.							
Caddo.....No. 1	Caddo.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	12
Pocahontas..... " 2	Lehigh.....	62	.....	6	1	1	70
Cyclone..... " 3	McAlester.....	112	.....	21	6	1	140
Tahlequah..... " 4	Tahlequah.....	22	.....	2	1	.....	25
Atoka..... " 5	Atoka.....	49	.....	9	.....	.....	58
¶Thomas Wildey..... " 6	Lehigh.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
**South Canadian..... " 7	South Canadian..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MEXICO.							
Ridgely.....No. 1	City of Mexico....	72	.....	5	3	1	81
Juarez..... " 2	City of Mexico....	19	.....	13	.....	.....	32
NETHERLANDS, EUROPE.							
Paradise.....No. 1	Amsterdam.....	38	.....	12	1	.....	51
Mount Sinai..... " 2	Amsterdam.....	64	.....	9	.....	.....	73
††Prins Hendrik..... " 3	Zutphen.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NEW MEXICO.							
‡‡Albuquerque.....No. 1	Albuquerque.....	52	.....	5	3	.....	60
‡‡Paradise..... " 2	Santa Fe.....	35	.....	.....	.....	1	36
‡‡Aztlan..... " 3	Santa Fe.....	30	.....	.....	1	.....	31
‡‡Las Vegas..... " 4	Las Vegas.....	63	.....	23	5	1	92
‡‡San Vicente..... " 5	Silver City.....	42	.....	4	2	.....	48
‡‡Deming..... " 6	Deming.....	27	.....	1	1	.....	29
‡‡Gem City..... " 7	Socorro.....	29	.....	1	.....	.....	30
‡‡Raton..... " 8	Raton.....	29	.....	17	3	.....	49
‡‡The Percha..... " 9	Kingston.....	.....	.....	12	14	.....	26
‡‡‖Fidelity..... " 10	Gallup.....	.....	.....	23	7	.....	30
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.							
Lima.....No. 1	Lima.....	60	.....	1	2	.....	63
Fortschritt..... " 3	Lima.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
Chalaco..... " 4	Callao.....	58	.....	9	1	.....	68
SANDWICH ISLANDS.							
Excelsior.....No. 1	Honolulu.....	105	.....	3	5	.....	113
Harmony..... " 3	Honolulu.....	67	.....	1	1	1	70
SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA.							
⁂Saskatchewan.....No. 1	Battleford.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SWEDEN, EUROPE.							
¶¶Seania.....No. 1	Malmo.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
***Veritas..... " 2	Trelleborg.....	.....	.....	32	5	.....	37
†††Amicitia..... " 3	Malmo.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		1,447	9	418	107	7	1,988
Lodges in New Mexico transferred to Grand Lodge of New Mexico.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		1,447	9	418	107	7	1,988

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Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from January 1st to December between September 1st, 1887, and August 15th, 1888.

LODGES.	LOCATION.	DEDUCT.						Members Dec. 31, 1887.	Past Grands.
		Error in last report	Withdr'wn by card.	Suspended or dropped	Expelled.	Deceased.	Total.		
ALBERTA, CANADA.									
Alberta.....No. 1	Calgary.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	68	7
ASSINIBOIA, CANADA.									
*Valley.....No. 1	Moose Jaw.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Moosomin..... " 2	Moosomin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CHILE, SOUTH AMERICA.									
†Valparaiso.....No. 1	Valparaiso.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Pacific..... " 2	Valparaiso.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Germania..... " 4	Valdivia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Concepcion..... " 11	Concepcion.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CUBA.									
Porvenir.....No. 1	Havana.....	.....	15	38	.....	.....	53	40	5
FraternidadUniversal " 2	Havana.....	.....	28	.....	.....	.....	28	63	2
‖Cuba..... " 3	Havana.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	4	100	4
Havana..... " 4	Havana.....	.....	3	26	.....	.....	29	32	4
America..... " 5	Regla.....	.....	2	10	.....	.....	12	17	2
†Regla..... " 6	Regla.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	.....
Hijos del Trabajo..... " 7	Havana.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	3	91	1
FRANCE, EUROPE.									
Concorde.....No. 1	Havre.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	1
⁂Fraternite..... " 2	Havre.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
INDIAN TERRITORY.									
Caddo.....No. 1	Caddo.....	.....	2	1	.....	1	4	8	3
Pocahontas..... " 2	Lehigh.....	.....	4	7	.....	1	12	58	10
Cyclone..... " 3	McAlester.....	.....	4	8	.....	.....	12	128	16
Tahlequah..... " 4	Tahlequah.....	.....	1	.....	.....	3	4	21	1
Atoka..... " 5	Atoka.....	.....	1	7	1	2	11	47	4
¶Thomas Wildey..... " 6	Lehigh.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
**South Canadian..... " 7	South Canadian..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MEXICO.									
Ridgely.....No. 1	City of Mexico....	.....	5	17	.....	3	25	56	5
Juarez..... " 2	City of Mexico....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	5	27	3
NETHERLANDS, EUROPE.									
Paradise.....No. 1	Amsterdam.....	.....	2	2	.....	1	5	46	4
Mount Sinai..... " 2	Amsterdam.....	.....	4	3	.....	.....	7	66	6
††Prins Hendrik..... " 3	Zutphen.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NEW MEXICO.									
‡‡Albuquerque.....No. 1	Albuquerque.....	.....	7	5	.....	.....	12	48	8
‡‡Paradise..... " 2	Santa Fe.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	3	33	14
‡‡Aztlan..... " 3	Santa Fe.....	.....	1	8	.....	.....	9	22	9
‡‡Las Vegas..... " 4	Las Vegas.....	.....	3	8	.....	.....	11	81	14
‡‡San Vicente..... " 5	Silver City.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	4	44	10
‡‡Deming..... " 6	Deming.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	3	26	4
‡‡Gem City..... " 7	Socorro.....	.....	3	1	.....	.....	4	26	4
‡‡Raton..... " 8	Raton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	4
‡‡The Percha..... " 9	Kingston.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	3
‡‡‖Fidelity..... " 10	Gallup.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	1
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.									
Lima.....No. 1	Lima.....	.....	2	4	.....	.....	6	57	10
Fortschritt..... " 3	Lima.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	3	17	4
Chalaco..... " 4	Callao.....	.....	3	1	.....	.....	4	64	9
SANDWICH ISLANDS.									
Excelsior.....No. 1	Honolulu.....	.....	1	3	1	1	6	107	20
Harmony..... " 3	Honolulu.....	.....	4	1	.....	.....	5	65	15
SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA.									
⁂Saskatchewan.....No. 1	Battleford.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SWEDEN, EUROPE.									
¶¶Scania.....No. 1	Malmo.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
***Veritas..... " 2	Trelleborg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	.....
†††Amicitia..... " 3	Malmo.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		.....	113	157	3	12	285	1,703	207
Lodges in New Mexico transferred to Grand Lodge of New Mexico.....		.....	385	.....	.....	.....	385	385	71
		.....	498	157	3	12	670	1,318	136

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ANNUAL REPORT *of Subordinate Lodges to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the 31st, 1887, and names of Lodges chartered between*

LODGES.	Brothers relieved.	Weeks' benefits paid.	Widowed families relieved.	Brothers buried.	Paid for the relief of Brothers.	Paid for the relief of widowed families.
ALBERTA, CANADA.						
Alberta.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ASSINIBOIA, CANADA.						
*Valley.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Moosomin..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CHILE, SOUTH AMERICA.						
†Valparaiso.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Pacific..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Germania..... " 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Concepcion..... " 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CUBA.						
Porvenir.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fraternidad Universal... " 2	3	6	.....	.....	$51 00	.....
‖Cuba..... " 3	1	2	.....	.....	14 50	.....
Havana..... " 4	2	4	.....	.....	20 00	.....
America..... " 5	4	9	.....	.....	76 50	.....
†Regla..... " 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hijos del Trabajo..... " 7	6	24	.....	.....	144 00	.....
FRANCE, EUROPE.						
Concorde.....No. 1	17	17	.....	.....	66 00	.....
⁂Fraternite..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
INDIAN TERRITORY.						
Caddo.....No. 1	1	2	.....	1	10 00	.....
Pocahontas..... " 2	11	54	.....	1	268 00	.....
Cyclone..... " 3	23	244	.....	.....	1,071 00	.....
Tahlequah..... " 4	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....
Atoka..... " 5	8	61	.....	2	216 00	.....
¶Thomas Wildey..... " 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
**South Canadian..... " 7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MEXICO.						
Ridgely.....No. 1	9	38	.....	3	379 39	.....
Juarez..... " 2	1	3	.....	.....	14 00	.....
NETHERLANDS, EUROPE.						
Paradise.....No. 1	5	6	2	1	40 96	$34 71
Mount Sinai..... " 2	6	12	2	.....	100 00	40 00
††Prins Hendrik..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NEW MEXICO.						
‡‡Albuquerque.....No. 1	2	11	.....	.....	80 00	.....
‡‡Paradise..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡‡Aztlan..... " 3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	20 00
Las Vegas..... " 4	3	28	.....	.....	124 00	.....
‡‡San Vicente..... " 5	1	3	.....	.....	24 00	.....
‡‡Deming..... " 6	2	8	.....	.....	44 25	.....
‡‡Gem City..... " 7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡‡Raton..... " 8	1	4	.....	.....	20 00	.....
‡‡The Percha..... " 9	1	5	.....	.....	25 00	.....
‡‡‖Fidelity..... " 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.						
Lima.....No. 1	1	2	.....	.....	14 00	.....
Fortschritt..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chalaco..... " 4	5	7	.....	.....	56 00	.....
SANDWICH ISLANDS.						
Excelsior.....No. 1	9	57	7	1	570 00	606 00
Harmony..... " 3	4	40	.....	.....	350 75	.....
SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA.						
⁂Saskatchewan.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SWEDEN, EUROPE.						
¶¶Scania.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
***Veritas..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†††Amicitia..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	126	647	12	12	$3,779 35	$701 71

* Reported to Grand Lodge of Manitoba. † Report for 1887 not received. ‡ Instituted ———. ‖ Report to February 28th, 1887. ⁂ Instituted ———. ¶ Instituted May 21th, 1888. ** Instituted June 29th, 1888. †† Instituted ———. ‡‡ Report to September 7th, 1887. ‡‡‖ Instituted August 27th, 1887. ⁂ Instituted May 2d, 1888. ¶¶ Reported to Grand Lodge of Denmark *** Instituted November 4th, 1887, and placed under jurisdiction of Grand Lodge of Denmark. ††† Instituted ———.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from January 1st to December September 1st, 1887, and August 15th, 1888—Continued.

LODGES.	Paid for the education of orphans.	Paid for burying the dead.	Special relief.	Total relief.	Total receipts.
ALBERTA, CANADA.					
Alberta.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	$646 50
ASSINIBOIA, CANADA.					
*Valley.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Moosomin..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CHILE, SOUTH AMERICA.					
†Valparaiso.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Pacific..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Germania..... " 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Concepcion..... " 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CUBA.					
Porvenir.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	344 60
Fraternidad Universal..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	$51 00	221 00
‖Cuba..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	14 50	100 70
Havana..... " 4	.....	.....	.....	20 00	194 00
America..... " 5	.....	.....	.....	76 50	68 00
†Regla..... " 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hijos del Trabajo..... " 7	.....	.....	$20 00	164 00	715 00
FRANCE, EUROPE.					
Concorde.....No. 1	.....	$31 00	.....	97 00	1,349 00
¿Fraternite..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
INDIAN TERRITORY.					
Caddo.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	10 00	72 50
Pocahontas..... " 2	.....	40 00	10 00	318 00	616 15
Cyclone..... " 3	.....	.....	79 65	1,150 65	1,339 42
Tahlequah..... " 4	.....	105 00	18 65	123 65	154 00
Atoka..... " 5	.....	30 00	.....	246 00	472 55
¶Thomas Wildey..... " 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
**South Canadian..... " 7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MEXICO.					
Ridgely.....No. 1	.....	150 00	50 00	579 39	1,034 89
Juarez..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	14 00	262 00
NETHERLANDS EUROPE.					
Paradise.....No. 1	.....	65 41	30 00	171 08	347 22
Mount Sinai..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	140 00	435 20
††Prins Hendrik..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NEW MEXICO.					
‡‡Albuquerque.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	80 00	250 00
‡‡Paradise..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	231 80
‡‡Aztlan..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	20 00	217 10
‡‡Las Vegas..... " 4	.....	.....	.....	124 00	672 25
‡‡San Vicente..... " 5	.....	.....	.....	24 00	434 80
‡‡Deming..... " 6	.....	.....	.....	44 25	339 00
‡‡Gem City..... " 7	.....	.....	.....	.....	204 15
‡‡Raton..... " 8	.....	.....	.....	20 00	674 00
‡‡The Percha..... " 9	.....	.....	.....	25 00	774 00
‡‡‖Fidelity..... " 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	615 50
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.					
Lima.....No. 1	.....	.....	26 00	40 00	269 50
Fortschritt..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	87 00
Chalaco..... " 4	.....	.....	36 00	92 00	669 00
SANDWICH ISLANDS.					
Excelsior.....No. 1	$705 00	120 00	.....	2,001 00	1,731 68
Harmony..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	350 75	1,036 59
SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA.					
¿¿Saskatchewan.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SWEDEN, EUROPE.					
¶¶Scania..... No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
***Veritas..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,315 03
†††Amicitia..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$705 00	$541 41	$270 30	$5,996 77	$17,894 13

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ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand Encampments to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the 31st, 1887, and names of Grand Encampments chartered*

JURISDICTION.	Encampments.	Members Dec. 31, 1886.	ADD.				Total.
			Error in last report.	Initiated.	Admitted by card.	Reinstated.	
*Alabama	7	186	.....	.....	.....	.....	186
Arkansas	6	91	.....	65	2	.....	158
California	77	4,641	.....	507	46	19	5,213
Colorado	28	850	.....	190	48	14	1,102
Connecticut	22	2,614	.....	306	2	8	2,930
Dakota	22	598	.....	116	24	5	743
Delaware	8	358	.....	20	.....	1	379
District of Columbia	4	460	.....	39	4	3	506
Florida	6	122	.....	10	.....	.....	132
Georgia	11	422	.....	81	3	19	525
†Idaho	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Illinois	175	5,733	.....	646	42	85	6,506
Indiana	136	5,958	.....	855	63	66	6,942
Iowa	122	4,039	57	286	15	48	4,445
Kansas	73	2,121	.....	501	48	14	2,684
Kentucky	35	1,561	.....	205	31	13	1,810
Louisiana	5	135	1	39	1	3	179
Maine	45	4,292	.....	296	4	18	4,610
Maryland	24	1,278	.....	33	1	3	1,315
Massachusetts	61	7,809	.....	1,072	74	22	8,977
Michigan	99	2,954	.....	587	59	65	3,665
Minnesota	31	1,208	.....	182	9	34	1,433
Mississippi	8	245	.....	33	5	4	287
Missouri	76	2,217	.....	221	37	33	2,508
Montana	11	234	.....	64	52	2	352
Nebraska	24	639	.....	152	38	9	838
Nevada	9	364	.....	24	2	2	392
New Hampshire	28	2,689	.....	206	6	10	2,911
New Jersey	54	2,686	.....	313	67	12	3,078
New York	96	5,839	.....	598	46	28	6,511
North Carolina	10	210	.....	31	.....	1	242
Ohio	190	10,926	.....	1,033	79	96	12,134
Ontario	58	3,032	.....	290	14	9	3,345
Oregon	19	671	.....	67	5	2	745
Pennsylvania	212	12,674	.....	1,055	35	59	13,823
Rhode Island	18	1,735	.....	110	3	7	1,855
‡South Carolina	.....	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	52
Tennessee	18	352	.....	62	10	9	433
Texas	41	790	.....	62	18	15	885
‖Utah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont	13	605	2	112	14	3	736
Virginia	14	469	16	55	1	6	547
Washington	15	326	4	77	93	3	503
West Virginia	20	607	.....	55	3	3	668
Wisconsin	71	1,858	.....	85	14	13	1,970
Wyoming	6	146	.....	52	1	2	201
	2,008	96,796	80	10,793	1,019	768	109,456

*Report for 1887 not received. †Instituted August 6th, 1888. ‡Charter surrendered.
‖Instituted February 22d, 1888.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from January 1st to December between September 1st, 1887, and August 15th, 1888.

JURISDICTION.	DEDUCT.						Members Dec. 31, 1887.
	Error in last report.	Withdrawn by card.	Suspended or dropped.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Total.	
*Alabama	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	186
Arkansas	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	8	150
California	.....	76	179	8	65	328	4,885
Colorado	.....	21	94	.....	14	129	973
Connecticut	.....	16	42	.....	29	87	2,843
Dakota	.....	10	42	.....	.....	52	691
Delaware	.....	.....	46	.....	4	50	329
District of Columbia	.....	3	39	.....	10	52	454
Florida	.....	1	4	1	2	8	124
Georgia	.....	8	25	.....	5	38	487
†Idaho	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Illinois	.....	116	506	9	71	702	5,804
Indiana	3	70	267	7	69	416	6,526
Iowa	42	41	325	6	31	445	4,000
Kansas	200	50	158	4	22	434	2,250
Kentucky	.....	11	31	6	20	68	1,742
Louisiana	.....	3	7	.....	2	12	167
Maine	.....	11	79	3	45	138	4,472
Maryland	149	2	52	3	21	227	1,088
Massachusetts	.....	123	141	2	90	356	8,621
Michigan	.....	109	331	2	34	476	3,189
Minnesota	.....	33	147	1	7	188	1,245
Mississippi	.....	2	154	.....	1	157	130
Missouri	.....	40	412	7	17	476	2,032
Montana	.....	3	27	.....	4	34	318
Nebraska	2	11	34	1	2	50	788
Nevada	.....	15	27	.....	13	55	337
New Hampshire	.....	28	49	1	36	114	2,797
New Jersey	3	13	156	.....	28	200	2,878
New York	.....	85	504	8	86	683	5,828
North Carolina	8	.....	27	.....	.....	35	207
Ohio	.....	78	540	8	127	753	11,381
Ontario	.....	36	171	.....	19	226	3,119
Oregon	.....	93	14	.....	2	109	636
Pennsylvania	.....	64	854	3	182	1,103	12,720
Rhode Island	.....	12	37	.....	22	71	1,784
South Carolina	.....	.....	52	.....	.....	52	.....
Tennessee	.....	10	38	.....	9	57	376
Texas	.....	8	71	.....	8	87	798
‖Utah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont	2	20	25	.....	4	51	685
Virginia	.....	3	31	.....	6	40	507
Washington	.....	5	22	3	5	35	468
West Virginia	.....	5	34	.....	5	44	624
Wisconsin	27	6	158	2	10	203	1,767
Wyoming	.....	4	12	.....	3	19	182
	436	1,245	5,972	85	1,130	8,868	100,588

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‖ Instituted February 22d, 1888.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand Encampments to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of December 31st, 1887, and names of Grand Encampments chartered*

JURISDICTION.	Patriarchs relieved.	Weeks' benefits paid.	Widowed families relieved.	No. of Patriarchs buried.	Paid for the relief of Patriarchs.	Paid for the relief of widowed families.
*Alabama	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arkansas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
California	488	3,690	7	65	$17,787 60	$95 00
Colorado	68	462	.....	14	914 00	.....
Connecticut	255	2,134	.....	29	3,323 50	.....
Dakota	21	85	.....	.....	175 00	.....
Delaware	26	174	2	4	390 00	7 00
District of Columbia	37	338	8	10	1,005 00	409 50
Florida	4	9	1	2	9 00	10 00
Georgia	26	118	.....	5	271 50	.....
†Idaho	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Illinois	332	1,352	10	71	3,085 00	342 95
Indiana	607	3,372	12	69	7,589 15	23 20
Iowa	166	1,006	6	31	1,912 97	60 00
Kansas	71	559	9	22	1,251 50	125 35
Kentucky	148	1,033	22	20	2,521 70	55 00
Louisiana	7	30	.....	2	90 00	.....
Maine	310	3,465	.....	45	11,059 19	.....
Maryland	197	1,757	20	21	2,600 90	1,785 00
Massachusetts	727	5,638	1	90	11,473 57	6 00
Michigan	41	156	1	34	574 25	5 00
Minnesota	42	113	.....	7	509 33	.....
Mississippi	14	38	.....	1	104 00	.....
Missouri	146	670	5	17	1,581 00	50 00
Montana	28	92	.....	4	310 80	.....
Nebraska	20	107	.....	2	284 00	.....
Nevada	23	179	4	13	324 35	138 00
New Hampshire	242	3,437	.....	36	2,159 17	.....
New Jersey	280	3,091	.....	28	7,143 14	.....
New York	451	3,287	12	86	9,467 98	453 00
North Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 00	10 00
Ohio	1,211	9,327	11	127	26,962 20	202 05
Ontario	223	1,014	3	19	1,464 20	25 00
Oregon	33	56	.....	2	280 00	.....
Pennsylvania	2,030	15,295	18	182	47,505 54	507 00
Rhode Island	158	1,627	1	22	3,231 70	.....
‡South Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee	22	72	19	9	320 00	278 50
Texas	38	159	1	8	433 50	15 00
¶Utah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont	21	55	.....	4	165 30	.....
Virginia	76	433	4	6	896 61	147 00
Washington	27	179	.....	5	644 95	.....
West Virginia	48	399	.....	5	1,126 50	.....
Wisconsin	2	15	1	10	53 00	2 15
Wyoming	11	78	.....	3	368 00	.....
	8,677	65,101	178	1,130	$171,414 10	$4.751 70

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¶Instituted February 22d, 1888.

the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from January 1st to between September 1st, 1887, and August 15th, 1888—Continued.

JURISDICTION.	Paid for the education of orphans.	Paid for burying the dead.	Special relief.	Total relief.	Total receipts.
*Alabama	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arkansas	.....	.....	.....	.....	$535 00
California	.....	$2,139 00	$539 59	$20,561 19	47,136 78
Colorado	.....	351 00	.....	1,265 00	5,599 45
Connecticut	.....	605 00	.....	3,928 50	11,370 19
Dakota	.....	.....	60 00	235 00	3,498 08
Delaware	.....	254 72	47 00	698 72	2,423 64
District of Columbia	.....	240 00	.....	1,654 50	2,942 29
Florida	.....	10 00	.....	29 00	86 50
Georgia	.....	80 00	.....	351 50	1,686 55
†Idaho	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Illinois	.....	930 10	.....	4,358 05	16,759 80
Indiana	.....	2,055 00	524 53	10,191 88	26,936 00
Iowa	$20 00	320 00	51 50	2,364 47	8,951 02
Kansas	.....	300 25	97 48	1,774 58	11,252 28
Kentucky	.....	410 00	155 40	3,142 10	6,239 75
Louisiana	.....	.....	.....	90 00	611 10
Maine	.....	733 40	.....	11,792 59	22,219 66
Maryland	.....	678 00	.....	5,063 90	8,032 50
Massachusetts	.....	1,702 48	597 65	13,779 70	47,382 27
Michigan	.....	271 00	4 00	854 25	9,154 96
Minnesota	.....	54 50	.....	563 83	4,694 40
Mississippi	.....	20 00	.....	124 00	566 55
Missouri	8 00	201 00	26 00	1,866 00	7,359 40
Montana	.....	180 00	.....	490 80	2,765 77
Nebraska	.....	.....	56 00	340 00	4,443 11
Nevada	.....	246 39	.....	708 74	2,463 40
New Hampshire	.....	265 00	212 80	2,636 97	7,828 31
New Jersey	.....	1,065 00	121 26	8,329 40	17,113 40
New York	.....	4,104 00	.....	14,024 98	28,974 62
North Carolina	.....	.....	18 00	73 00	.....
Ohio	.....	3,078 51	.....	30,242 76	75,349 96
Ontario	.....	248 70	144 35	1,882 25	8,125 86
Oregon	.....	25 00	20 00	325 00	3,234 38
Pennsylvania	794 99	13,266 49	1,302 07	63,376 09	99,028 26
Rhode Island	.....	538 00	133 75	3,903 45	9,919 74
‡South Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee	.....	190 00	.....	788 50	1,560 80
Texas	15 00	105 85	15 00	584 35	3,601 05
‖Utah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont	.....	70 00	.....	235 30	341 09
Virginia	.....	18 00	.....	1,061 61	1,761 00
Washington	.....	.....	.....	644 95	4,031 92
West Virginia	.....	149 00	.....	1,275 50	2,172 35
Wisconsin	.....	90 00	.....	145 15	3,104 03
Wyoming	.....	.....	.....	368 00	1,749 21
	$837 99	$34,995 39	$4,126 38	$216,125 56	$523,006 43

*Report for 1887 not received. †Instituted August 6th, 1888. ‡Charter surrendered.
‖Instituted February 22d, 1888.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Subordinate Encampments to the Sovereign Grand Lodge December 31st, 1887, and names and location of Encampments*

ENCAMPMENTS.	LOCATION.	Members Dec. 31, 1886.	ADD.				Total.
			Error in last report	Initiated.	Admitted by card.	Reinstated.	
ALBERTA, CANADA.							
*Alberta.....No. 1	Calgary.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ARIZONA.							
Granite.....No. 1	Prescott.....	26	.....	3	.....	.....	29
Floral..... " 2	Phœnix.....	.....	.....	7	41	.....	48
†Gila..... " 3	Globe.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.							
‡Vancouver.....No. 1	Victoria.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Harmony..... " 2	New Westminster...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Unity..... " 3	Wellington.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Nanaimo..... " 4	Nanaimo.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
DENMARK, EUROPE.							
*Valdemar.....No. 1	Copenhagen.....	131	.....	.....	.....	.....	131
*Knud Lavard..... " 2	Copenhagen.....	163	.....	.....	.....	.....	163
*Niels Ebbesens..... " 3	Copenhagen.....	68	.....	.....	.....	.....	68
*Skjalm Hoides..... " 4	Aarhuus.....	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	39
IDAHO.							
Idaho.....No. 1	Boise City.....	37	.....	.....	.....	1	38
‖Ridgely..... " 2	Pocatello.....	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	20
⁋Temple..... " 3	Caldwell.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
¶Ivanhoe..... " 4	Hailey.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
**Enterprise..... " 5	Ketchum.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
INDIAN TERRITORY.							
Ridgely.....No. 1	McAlester.....	52	.....	5	.....	.....	57
Pushmataha..... " 2	Lehigh.....	23	.....	7	.....	.....	30
LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.							
Stuart.....No. 10	Pictou, N. S.....	15	.....	2	.....	2	19
Milicete..... " 11	St. John, N. B.....	41	.....	5	.....	.....	46
Halifax..... " 12	Halifax, N. S.....	27	.....	4	.....	.....	31
Port La Joie..... " 13	Charlottet'n, P.E.I.	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	42
Belvedere..... " 14	Windsor, N. S.....	23	.....	3	.....	.....	26
MANITOBA, CANADA.							
Harmony.....No. 1	Winnipeg.....	59	.....	6	2	.....	67
La Prairie..... " 2	Portage La Prairie.	25	.....	1	.....	.....	26
Eureka..... " 3	Winnipeg.....	43	.....	14	.....	.....	57
††Excelsior..... " 4	Morden.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MEXICO.							
‡‡Hidalgo.....No. 1	City of Mexico.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NEW MEXICO.							
James L. Ridgely.....No. 1	Silver City.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	13
Las Vegas..... " 2	Las Vegas.....	23	.....	22	1	.....	46
*Centennial..... " 3	Santa Fe.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	18
Albuquerque..... " 4	Albuquerque.....	24	.....	1	.....	.....	25
‖‖Raton..... " 5	Raton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.							
*Atahualpa.....No. 1	Lima.....	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	43
QUEBEC, CANADA.							
⁋⁋Montreal.....No. 1	Montreal.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SANDWICH ISLANDS.							
Polynesia.....No. 1	Honolulu.....	42	.....	5	.....	.....	47
SOUTH CAROLINA.							
*Ashley.....No. 3	Charleston.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Greenville..... " 6	Greenville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chicora..... " 9	Charleston.....	.....	.....	10	1	16	27
*Ridgely..... " 11	Graniteville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SWITZERLAND, EUROPE.							
¶¶Eidgenossen.....No. 1	Zurich.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
UTAH.							
***Oquirrh.....No. 1	Salt Lake City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
***Unity..... " 2	Salt Lake City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wasatch..... " 3	Park City.....	.....	.....	27	5	.....	32
†††Excelsior..... " 4	Bingham.....	.....	.....	16	7	.....	23
‡‡‡Uinta..... " 5	Ogden.....	.....	.....	1	8	.....	9
		977	.....	139	85	19	1,220

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ENCAMPMENTS.	LOCATION.	DEDUCT.						Members Dec. 31, 1887	Past Chief Patriarchs.
		Error in last report.	Withdr'wn by card.	Suspended or dropped	Expelled.	Deceased.	Total.		
ALBERTA, CANADA.									
*Alberta..... No. 1	Calgary.....								
ARIZONA.									
Granite..... .No. 1	Prescott.....		2	1		1	4	25	6
Floral..... " 2	Phœnix.....							48	1
†Gila..... " 3	Globe.....								
BRIT. COLUMBIA, CAN.									
‡Vancouver.....No. 1	Victoria.....								
‡Harmony..... " 2	New Westminster...								
‡Unity..... " 3	Wellington.....								
‡Nanaimo..... " 4	Nanaimo.....								
DENMARK, EUROPE.									
*Valdemar.....No. 1	Copenhagen.....							131	7
*Knud Lavard..... " 2	Copenhagen.....							163	2
*Niels Ebbesens... " 3	Copenhagen.....							68	1
*Skjalm Hoides... " 4	Aarhuus.....							39	2
IDAHO.									
Idaho.....No. 1	Boise City.....			3		1	4	34	14
‖Ridgely..... " 2	Pocatello.....							20	
⁋Temple..... " 3	Caldwell.....								
¶Ivanhoe..... " 4	Hailey.....								
**Enterprise..... " 5	Ketchum.....								
INDIAN TERRITORY.									
Ridgely.....No. 1	McAlester.....		2	10		....	12	45	7
Pushmataha..... " 2	Lehigh.....		2	1	1	1	5	25	4
LOW. PROVINCES, B. N. A.									
Stuart.....No. 10	Pictou, N. S.....							19	10
Milicete..... " 11	St. John, N. B.....							46	10
Halifax..... " 12	Halifax, N. S.....		1	1			2	29	9
Port La Joie..... " 13	Charlottet'n, P. E I.			9			9	33	7
Belvedere..... " 14	Windsor, N. S.....			3			3	23	5
MANITOBA, CANADA.									
Harmony.....No. 1	Winnipeg.....		2				2	65	13
La Prairie..... " 2	Portage La Prairie.							26	10
Eureka..... " 3	Winnipeg.....		1			1	2	55	10
††Excelsior..... " 4	Morden.....								
MEXICO.									
‡‡Hidalgo.....No. 1	City of Mexico.....								
NEW MEXICO.									
James L. Ridgely, No. 1	Silver City.....		1				1	12	3
Las Vegas..... " 2	Las Vegas.....		5	2			7	39	7
*Centennial..... " 3	Santa Fe.....							18	6
Albuquerque..... " 4	Albuquerque.....							25	2
‖‖Raton..... " 5	Raton.....								
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.									
*Atahualpa.....No. 1	Lima.....							43	7
QUEBEC, CANADA.									
⁋⁋Montreal.....No. 1	Montreal.....								
SANDWICH ISLANDS.									
Polynesia.....No. 1	Honolulu.....		2	5		1	8	39	14
SOUTH CAROLINA.									
*Ashley.....No. 3	Charleston.....								
*Greenville..... " 6	Greenville.....								
Chicora..... " 9	Charleston.....			5			5	22	5
*Ridgely..... " 11	Graniteville.....								
SWITZERLAND, EUROPE.									
¶¶Eidgenossen....No. 1	Zurich.....								
UTAH.									
***Oquirrh.....No. 1	Salt Lake City.....								
***Unity..... " 2	Salt Lake City.....								
Wasatch..... " 3	Park City.....		1			1	2	30	1
†††Excelsior..... " 4	Bingham.....							23	
‡‡‡Uinta..... " 5	Ogden.....							9	1
			19	40	1	6	66	1,154	161

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ANNUAL REPORT *of Subordinate Encampments to the Sovereign Grand Lodge December 31st, 1887, and names of Encampments chartered*

ENCAMPMENTS.	Patriarchs relieved.	Weeks' benefits paid.	Widowed families relieved.	Patriarchs buried.	Paid for the relief of Patriarchs.	Paid for the relief of widowed families.
ALBERTA, CANADA.						
*Alberta.....No. 1						
ARIZONA.						
Granite.....No. 1				1		
Floral..... " 2	3	7			$28 00	
†Gila..... " 3						
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.						
‡Vancouver.....No. 1						
‡Harmony..... " 2						
‡Unity..... " 3						
‡Nanaimo..... " 4						
DENMARK, EUROPE.						
*Valdemar.....No. 1						
*Knud Lavard..... " 2						
*Niels Ebbesens..... " 3						
*Skjalm Hoides..... " 4						
IDAHO.						
Idaho.....No. 1	2	6		1	30 00	
‖Ridgely..... " 2						
⁋Temple..... " 3						
¶Ivanhoe..... " 4						
**Enterprise..... " 5						
INDIAN TERRITORY.						
Ridgely.....No. 1	4	42			112 50	
Pushmataha..... " 2				1		
LOWER PROVINCES, B. N A.						
Stuart.....No. 10						
Milicete..... " 11	1	8			4 00	
Halifax..... " 12	1	3			18 00	
Port La Joie..... " 13						
Belvedere..... " 14						
MANITOBA, CANADA.						
Harmony.....No. 1	4	14			28 00	
La Prairie..... " 2						
Eureka..... " 3	1	22		1	44 00	
††Excelsior..... " 4						
MEXICO.						
‡‡Hidalgo.....No. 1						
NEW MEXICO.						
James L. Ridgely.....No. 1						
Las Vegas..... " 2	1	6			12 00	
*Centennial..... " 3						
Albuquerque..... " 4						
‖‖Raton..... " 5						
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.						
*Atahualpa.....No. 1						
QUEBEC, CANADA.						
⁋⁋Montreal.....No. 1						
SANDWICH ISLANDS.						
Polynesia.....No. 1	2	18		1	90 00	
SOUTH CAROLINA.						
*Ashley.....No. 3						
*Greenville..... " 6						
Chicora..... " 9						
*Ridgely..... " 11						
SWITZERLAND, EUROPE.						
¶¶Eidgenossen.....No. 1						
UTAH.						
***Oquirrh.....No. 1						
***Unity..... " 2						
Wasatch..... " 3	1	2	1	1	6 00	$14 50
†††Excelsior..... " 4	1	6			18 00	
‡‡‡Uinta..... " 5						
	21	134	1	6	$390 50	$14 50

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ENCAMPMENTS.	Paid for the education of orphans.	Paid for burying the dead.	Special relief.	Total relief.	Total receipts.
ALBERTA, CANADA.					
*Alberta.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ARIZONA.					
Granite.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	$204 00
Floral.....“ 2	.....	.....	.....	$28 00	382 37
†Gila.....“ 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.					
‡Vancouver.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Harmony.....“ 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Unity.....“ 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Nanaimo.....“ 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
DENMARK, EUROPE.					
*Valdemar.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Knud Lavard.....“ 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Niels Ebbesens.....“ 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Skjalm Hoides.....“ 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
IDAHO.					
Idaho.....No. 1	.....	$10 00	.....	70 00	249 50
‖Ridgely.....“ 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	290 00
⁋Temple.....“ 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
¶Ivanhoe.....“ 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
**Enterprise.....“ 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
INDIAN TERRITORY.					
Ridgely.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	112 50	178 55
Pushmataha.....“ 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	154 25
LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.					
Stuart.....No. 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00
Milicete.....“ 11	.....	.....	.....	4 00	75 00
Halifax.....“ 12	.....	.....	.....	18 00	131 12
Port La Joie.....“ 13	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00
Belvedere.....“ 14	.....	.....	.....	.....	55 00
MANITOBA, CANADA.					
Harmony.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	28 00	229 75
La Prairie.....“ 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	58 50
Eureka.....“ 3	.....	.....	.....	44 00	223 90
††Excelsior.....“ 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MEXICO.					
‡‡Hidalgo.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NEW MEXICO.					
James L. Ridgely.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	73 00
Las Vegas.....“ 2	.....	.....	$34 20	46 20	378 95
*Centennial.....“ 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Albuquerque.....“ 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	48 75
‖‖Raton.....“ 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.					
*Atahualpa.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
QUEBEC, CANADA.					
⁋⁋Montreal.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SANDWICH ISLANDS.					
Polynesia.....No. 1	.....	30 00	.....	120 00	586 50
SOUTH CAROLINA.					
*Ashley.....No. 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Greenville.....“ 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chicora.....“ 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	95 00
*Ridgely.....“ 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SWITZERLAND, EUROPE.					
¶¶Eidgenossen.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
UTAH.					
***Oquirrh.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
***Unity.....“ 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wasatch.....“ 3	.....	.....	.....	20 50	403 50
†††Excelsior.....“ 4	.....	.....	.....	18 00	241 50
‡‡‡Uinta.....“ 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00
	.....	$70 00	$34 20	$509 20	$4,184 14

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DEGREE LODGES OF THE

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand Lodges to the Sovereign Grand Lodge*
January 1st to

JURISDICTION.	Lodges.	Members December 31st, 1886.			Admitted during the year.		Total	
		Bros.	Sisters.	Total.	Bros.	Sisters.	Bros.	Sisters.
Alabama	5	292	262	554	19	20	311	282
Arizona	2	30	18	48	20	13	50	31
Arkansas	13	119	82	201	11	18	130	100
British Columbia	1	.....	.....	.....	29	21	29	21
California	108	2,719	2,950	5,669	949	1,013	3,668	3,963
Colorado	2	81	60	141	13	12	94	72
Connecticut	17	671	768	1,439	160	136	831	904
Dakota	3	74	55	129	7	14	81	69
Delaware	1	33	42	75	2	5	35	47
*Denmark	1	49	53	102	.....	.....	49	53
District of Columbia	2	55	59	114	44	51	99	110
†Florida	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Georgia	2	57	51	108	28	23	85	74
*Idaho	3	68	45	113	.....	.....	68	45
Illinois	105	2,266	2,363	4,629	743	748	3,009	3,111
Indiana	243	2,457	3,007	5,464	748	932	3,205	3,939
‡Indian Territory	2	.....	.....	.....	35	29	35	29
Iowa	87	1,942	1,906	3,848	254	279	2,196	2,185
Kansas	97	2,025	1,321	3,346	320	261	2,345	1,582
Kentucky	26	396	410	806	59	58	455	468
†Louisiana	.....	37	25	62	.....	.....	37	25
Lower Prov., B. N. A.	2	52	81	133	12	12	64	93
Maine	25	1,159	1,275	2,434	143	137	1,302	1,412
†Manitoba	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maryland	3	.....	.....	.....	78	67	78	67
Massachusetts	61	3,277	3,408	6,685	756	671	4,033	4,079
Michigan	96	1,764	1,634	3,398	482	468	2,246	2,102
Minnesota	15	.....	.....	.....	348	222	348	222
†Mississippi	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missouri	42	571	518	1,089	254	194	825	712
Montana	2	64	37	101	47	24	111	61
Nebraska	37	249	238	487	237	220	486	458
Nevada	3	55	80	135	6	3	61	83
New Hampshire	31	1,762	1,814	3,576	371	398	2,133	2,212
New Jersey	16	699	568	1,267	91	107	790	675
New Mexico	1	.....	.....	.....	19	13	19	13
New York	76	2,969	3,015	5,984	614	527	3,583	3,542
North Carolina	2	24	10	34	5	22	29	32
Ohio	148	3,435	3,784	7,219	1,130	1,264	4,565	5,048
‖Ontario	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oregon	18	191	187	378	145	124	336	311
Pennsylvania	63	975	1,163	2,138	766	863	1,741	2,026
†Quebec	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rhode Island	18	800	724	1,524	107	76	907	800
†South Carolina	.....	30	12	42	.....	.....	30	12
†Switzerland	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee	7	81	60	141	22	18	103	78
Texas	2	35	36	71	33	27	68	63
†Utah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont	9	450	341	791	37	37	487	378
†Virginia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Washington	13	191	136	327	114	75	305	211
West Virginia	9	110	164	274	23	30	133	194
Wisconsin	76	954	1,139	2,093	176	107	1,130	1,246
Wyoming	3	65	57	122	6	8	71	65
	1,498	33,333	33,958	67,291	9,463	9,347	42,796	43,305

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DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH.

of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from December 31st, 1887.

Jurisdiction.	From which deduct—								Members December 31st, 1887.		
	Withdrawn or dropped.		Expelled.		Deceased.		Total.				
	Bros.	Sisters.	Bros.	Sisters.	Bros.	Sisters.	Bros.	Sisters.	Bros.	Sisters.	Total.
Alabama ...	230	195	.....	.....	1	.....	231	195	80	87	167
Arizona.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	31	81
Arkansas...	3	4	.....	1	2	1	5	6	125	94	219
Brit. Col.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	21	50
California..	221	264	.....	.....	27	29	248	293	3,420	3,670	7,090
Colorado....	36	25	.....	.....	1	.....	37	25	57	47	104
Conn'ticut.	35	24	.....	2	5	6	40	32	791	872	1,663
Dakota	27	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	18	54	51	105
Delaware...	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	35	43	78
*Denmark..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	53	102
Dist. Col....	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1	96	109	205
†Florida	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Georgia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85	74	159
*Idaho.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	68	45	113
Illinois.....	320	234	3	.....	15	24	338	258	2,671	2,853	5,524
Indiana.....	181	141	.....	1	26	26	207	168	2,998	3,771	6,769
‡Indian Ter.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	29	64
Iowa	178	142	.....	1	11	15	189	158	2,007	2,027	4,034
Kansas	32	41	2	.....	11	7	45	48	2,300	1,534	3,834
Kentucky..	8	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	10	447	458	905
†Louisiana.	37	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	25	.....	.....	.....
Low. Prov..	20	3	9	.....	1	.....	30	3	34	90	124
Maine.....	44	58	.....	.....	16	14	60	72	1,242	1,340	2,582
†Manitoba...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maryland..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	78	67	145
Mass'sach'ts	164	127	.....	.....	26	34	190	161	3,843	3,918	7,761
Michigan...	310	259	.....	.....	15	16	325	275	1,921	1,827	3,748
Minnesota.	70	51	1	.....	.....	1	71	52	277	170	447
†Mississippi	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missouri...	65	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	43	760	669	1,429
Montana....	27	11	.....	.....	3	.....	30	11	81	50	131
Nebraska..	50	20	.....	.....	1	2	51	22	435	436	871
Nevada.....	5	6	.....	.....	2	.....	7	6	54	77	131
New Hamp	61	40	.....	.....	16	12	77	52	2,056	2,160	4,216
New Jersey	126	48	.....	.....	2	6	128	54	662	621	1,283
N. Mexico..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	13	32
New York..	398	201	4	4	41	29	443	234	3,140	3,308	6,448
N. Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	32	61
Ohio.....	302	246	2	2	24	37	328	285	4,237	4,763	9,000
‖Ontario.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oregon ...	54	36	.....	.....	.....	3	54	39	282	272	554
Pennsyl'a..	96	115	7	3	12	24	115	142	1,626	1,884	3,510
†Quebec.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rh Island	61	43	.....	.....	9	7	70	50	837	750	1,587
†S Carolina	30	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	12	.....	.....	.....
†Switzerla'd	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee..	12	9	.....	.....	2	1	14	10	89	68	157
Texas.....	19	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	14	49	49	98
†Utah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont....	18	18	.....	.....	2	2	20	20	467	358	825
†Virginia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wash'gton	25	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	10	280	201	481
W. Virginia	5	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	12	128	182	310
Wisconsin..	43	89	.....	.....	2	3	45	92	1,085	1,154	2,239
Wyoming...	2	3	.....	.....	1	1	3	4	68	61	129
	3,318	2,602	28	14	274	300	3,620	2,916	39,176	40,389	79,565

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January 1st to December

JURISDICTION.	RECEIPTS.		
	Assets per last report.	Receipts for twelve months.	Total.
Alabama	$348 60	$93 15	$441 75
Arizona	107 85	101 15	209 00
Arkansas	.....	160 65	160 65
British Columbia	.....	79 00	79 00
California	19,114 12	17,767 05	36,881 17
Colorado	159 89	84 90	244 79
Connecticut	14,825 51	3,465 99	18,291 50
Dakota	94 27	166 75	261 02
Delaware	361 98	269 68	631 66
*Denmark	476 65	.....	476 65
District of Columbia	396 52	652 36	1,048 88
†Florida	.....	.....	.....
Georgia	18 55	29 50	48 05
*Idaho	321 70	.....	321 70
Illinois	8,795 31	6,705 47	15,500 78
Indiana	6,928 30	5,184 73	12,113 03
‡Indian Territory	.....	167 20	167 20
Iowa	4,029 55	2,345 44	6,374 99
Kansas	3,853 49	1,354 61	5,208 10
Kentucky	3,461 56	575 67	4,037 23
†Louisiana	104 65	.....	104 65
Lower Provinces, B. N. A	68 14	88 30	156 44
Maine	2,369 84	1,802 68	4,172 52
†Manitoba	.....	.....	.....
Maryland	.....	549 09	549 09
Massachusetts	14,851 08	14,848 70	29,699 78
Michigan	1,863 83	2,627 81	4,491 64
Minnesota	.....	1,550 89	1,550 89
†Mississippi	.....	.....	.....
Missouri	566 20	1,138 82	1,705 02
Montana	186 25	329 25	515 50
Nebraska	350 56	1,047 59	1,398 15
Nevada	2,096 57	750 45	2,847 02
New Hampshire	4,809 41	4,708 87	9,518 28
New Jersey	5,265 63	2,270 66	7,536 29
New Mexico	.....	62 25	62 25
New York	33,799 31	15,607 26	49,406 57
North Carolina	.....	.....	.....
Ohio	6,509 15	9,213 75	15,722 90
‖Ontario	.....	.....	.....
Oregon	881 71	734 02	1,615 73
Pennsylvania	5,783 48	5,831 49	11,614 97
†Quebec	.....	.....	.....
Rhode Island	4,511 19	2,236 80	6,747 99
†South Carolina	.....	.....	.....
†Switzerland	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee	64 22	32 00	96 22
Texas	75 60	402 10	477 70
†Utah	.....	.....	.....
Vermont	229 56	424 79	654 35
†Virginia	.....	.....	.....
Washington	441 03	804 65	1,245 68
West Virginia	1,935 66	425 34	2,361 00
Wisconsin	6,077 14	1,904 77	7,981 91
Wyoming	158 63	146 45	305 08
	$156,292 69	$108,742 08	$265,034 77

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DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH.

of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from 31st, 1887—Continued.

Jurisdiction.	PAID OUT.					Available assets December 31st, 1887.
	Relief of members.	Relief of widowed families.	Total relief.	Lodge expenses twelve months.	Total.	
Alabama	$60 00	$125 00	$185 00	$87 50	$272 50	$169 25
Arizona		20 00	20 00	96 13	116 13	92 87
Arkansas	23 00		23 00	67 40	90 40	70 25
Brit. Columbia				38 75	38 75	40 25
California	925 87	15 60	940 87	11,870 02	12,810 89	24,070 28
Colorado	14 50		14 50	91 29	105 79	139 00
Connecticut	690 25	85 00	775 25	1,985 88	2,761 13	15,530 37
Dakota				97 76	97 76	163 26
Delaware	6 00		6 00	47 90	53 90	577 76
*Denmark						476 65
Dist. of Col	99 00		99 00	233 01	332 01	716 87
†Florida						
Georgia	3 00		3 00	27 25	30 25	17 80
*Idaho						321 70
Illinois	801 45	277 64	1,079 09	3,705 32	4,784 41	10,716 37
Indiana	420 80	209 02	629 82	3,592 18	4,222 00	7,891 03
‡Indian Territory				77 05	77 05	90 15
Iowa	370 85	56 90	427 75	2,146 79	2,574 54	3,800 45
Kansas	234 52	14 25	248 77	955 83	1,204 60	4,003 50
Kentucky	375 10	13 00	388 10	258 96	647 06	3,390 17
†Louisiana				104 65	104 65	
L. P., B. N. A	5 00	2 00	7 00	108 99	115 99	40 45
Maine	70 00	30 00	100 00	1,661 12	1,761 12	2,411 40
†Manitoba						
Maryland				237 00	237 00	312 09
Massachusetts	1,342 15	210 00	1,552 15	9,570 94	11,123 09	18,576 69
Michigan	98 67	26 00	124 67	2,159 52	2,284 19	2,207 45
Minnesota	62 00		62 00	615 36	677 36	873 53
†Mississippi						
Missouri	143 75	10 00	153 75	765 52	919 27	785 75
Montana		25 00	25 00	326 20	351 20	164 30
Nebraska	30 25	20 00	50 25	920 20	970 45	427 70
Nevada	176 45	5 00	181 45	591 00	772 45	2,074 57
New Hampshire	779 20		779 20	2,511 32	3,290 52	6,227 76
New Jersey	628 00		628 00	1,105 45	1,733 45	5,802 84
New Mexico				34 68	34 68	27 57
New York	3,974 11	2,467 90	6,442 01	7,278 70	13,720 71	35,685 86
North Carolina						
Ohio	731 07	81 30	812 37	7,054 21	7,866 58	7,856 32
‖Ontario						
Oregon	4 00	90 90	94 90	864 70	959 60	656 13
Pennsylvania	1,045 22	463 79	1,509 01	2,795 21	4,304 22	7,310 75
†Quebec						
Rhode Island	90 00	20 00	110 00	2,600 83	2,710 83	4,037 16
†South Carolina						
†Switzerland						
Tennessee	5 00	12 00	17 00	18 00	35 00	61 22
Texas	10 00		10 00	106 50	116 50	361 20
†Utah						
Vermont				302 29	302 29	352 06
†Virginia						
Washington				460 90	460 90	784 78
West Virginia	44 00		44 00	172 00	216 00	2,145 00
Wisconsin	10 00	121 00	131 00	275 00	406 00	7,575 91
Wyoming				93 65	93 65	211 43
	$13,273 21	$4,400 70	$17,673 91	$68,112 96	$85,786 87	$179,247 90

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Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, moved that the report be referred to the committee appointed to distribute the subjects of the report of the Grand Sire to appropriate committees, which was adopted.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his annual report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The undersigned has the honor of communicating his annual report of the financial condition of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, for the fiscal year ending August 15th, 1888.

1887. DR. GRAND TREASURER.

Aug.	20.	To cash balance, this date, as per report of the Grand Treasurer, page 10,837 of the Journal of 1887	$25,819 06
"	27.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	559 00
"	31.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	703 33
Sept.	3.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary,	310 00
"	5.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	640 45
"	"	To cash from sale of $3,000 U. S. 4½ per cent. coupon bonds	3,000 00
"	"	To cash from premium on above, 8 per cent	240 00
"	"	To cash from sale of $2,500 U. S. 4 per cent. coupon bonds	2,500 00
"	"	To cash from premium on above, 25½ per cent	637 50
"	7.	To cash for interest on $40,000 U. S. 4½ per cent. coupon bonds	450 00
"	"	To cash for interest on $13,300 U. S. 4½ per cent. registered bonds	149 62
"	"	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	330 00
"	12.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	196 80
"	23.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	250 32
Oct.	6.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	979 75
"	10.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	593 00
"	18.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	127 60
"	22.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	371 50
"	27.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	708 50
Nov.	5.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	410 85
"	11.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	462 00
"	19.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	234 10
"	23.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	323 30
"	26.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	672 20
Dec.	3.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	1,108 80
"	10.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	434 65
"	17.	To cash for interest on $13,300 U. S. 4½ per cent. registered bonds	149 62
"	"	To cash for interest on $37,000 U. S. 4½ per cent. coupon bonds	416 25
"	"	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	289 00
"	24.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	214 60
"	31.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	130 55
1888.			
Jan.	7.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	1,045 60
"	10.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	524 55
"	18.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	871 20
"	21.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	379 25

Jan.	28.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	$883 53
Feb.	4.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	1,319 94
"	8.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	1,253 65
"	11.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	376 98
"	18.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	1,209 70
"	25.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	681 07
March	7.	To cash for interest on $13,300 U. S. 4½ per cent. registered bonds	149 62
"	"	To cash for interest on $37,000 U. S. 4½ per cent. coupon bonds	416 25
"	"	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	450 31
"	10.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	639 46
"	14.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	820 72
"	17.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	261 02
"	24.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	683 87
"	27.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	897 44
"	31.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	712 10
April	2.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	478 25
"	7.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	901 70
"	14.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	565 75
"	21.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	1,050 18
"	28.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	1,253 63
May	2.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	839 60
"	12.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	938 21
"	19.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	447 45
"	23.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	659 38
"	26.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	2,231 02
"	31.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	677 90
June	2.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	150 15
"	6.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	210 20
"	9.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	377 30
"	"	To cash for interest on $13,300 U. S. 4½ per cent. registered bonds	149 62
"	"	To cash for interest on $37,000 U. S. 4½ per cent. coupon bonds	416 25
"	13.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	630 00
"	16.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	1,014 50
"	23.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	1,052 80
"	28.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	198 00
July	12.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	1,179 40
"	14.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	373 93
"	18.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	1,195 10
"	21.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	620 80
"	23.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	304 85
"	30.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	831 20
Aug.	4.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	1,193 95
"	8.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	1,151 55
"	11.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	252 75
"	15.	To cash returned for Warrant No. 4024	40 00
"	"	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	850 50
"	"	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary	76 00
		Total aggregate	$79,300 53

1887. CR. GRAND TREASURER.

Sept.	9.	Warrant No. 3831, Oil painting of H. F. Garey, G. Sire,	$275 00
"	"	" " 3832, Frame for portrait G. Sire	25 00

Sept.	23.	By this sum paid to Grand Officers and Grand Representatives that attended the session of the Grand Lodge at Denver, Col., September, 1887, for mileage and per diem expenses, as per report of committee on that subject, on pages 10,991 to 10,997, inclusive, Journal of 1887, on Warrants 3833 to 3994, inclusive,		$28,130	80
"	"	Warrant No. 3995, J. W. Stebbins, Committee on Appeals		20	00
"	"	"	" 3996, W. W. Morris, Committee on Appeals	20	00
"	"	"	" 3997, J. B. Goodwin, Committee on Appeals	20	00
"	"	"	" 3998, W. S. Johnson, Committee on Appeals	20	00
"	"	"	" 3999, J. P. Heisler, Committee on Appeals,	20	00
"	"	"	" 4000, W. L. Kuykendall, Committee on Appeals	20	00
"	"	"	" 4001, J. N. Van Deman, Committee on Appeals	15	00
"	"	"	" 4002, J. M. Jones, Committee on Printing Supplies	6	00
"	"	"	" 4003, Geo. W. Dilks, Committee on Printing Supplies	22	00
"	"	"	" 4004, W. H. Izard, Committee on Printing Supplies	16	00
"	"	"	" 4005, J. H. Albin, Patriarchs Militant Committee	46	00
"	"	"	" 4006, H. P. Cox, Patriarchs Militant Committee	10	00
"	"	"	" 4007, C. N. Alexander, Patriarchs Militant Committee	10	00
"	"	"	" 4008, M. R. Mucklé, Sub Committee on Finance	35	00
"	"	"	" 4009, Jno. H. White, Special Committee on Removal	58	40
"	"	"	" 4010, Theo. A. Ross, Special Committee on Removal	52	70
"	"	"	" 4011, John W. Stebbins, Special Committee on Removal	60	70
"	"	"	" 4012, J. T. Hoke, Special Committee on Removal	51	20
"	"	"	" 4013, H. C. Hedges, Special Committee on Removal	67	35
"	"	"	" 4014, Jno. H. White, expenses as G. Sire,	95	00
"	"	"	" 4015, Theo. A. Ross, care of Monuments..	50	00
"	"	"	" 4016, Harrison Soule, care of Secret Work,	30	00
"	"	"	" 4017, Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary, expressage on books, etc., to Denver and return,	200	00
"	"	"	" 4018, John T. Jakes, Assistant G. Messenger	30	00
"	"	"	" 4019, Edwin A. Kelly, Assistant G. Guardian	30	00
"	"	"	" 4020, C. E. Waldo, G. Marshal, *pro tem*...	10	00
"	"	"	" 4021, Theo. A. Ross, for repairs to Grand Lodge furniture	200	00
"	24.	"	" 4023, Grand Canton Phila., No. 1, refunded excess of payment	5	00
"	"	"	" 4024, I. A. Sheppard, G. Treasurer, exchange, etc	44	25

Sept.	24.	Warrant No.		4025, G. C. Schueler, D. D. G. Sire, expenses,	$20 10
"	"	"	"	4026, L. Bourdonnay, instituting Lodge at Havre, France	350 00
"	"	"	"	4027, T. A. Fenton, Assistant G. Messenger	40 00
"	"	"	"	4028, Collier & Cleaveland Co., postage stamps, Daily Journal	248 00
"	"	"	"	4029, Thomas Monahan, Janitor of Hall,	10 00
"	"	"	"	4030, Allen Jenckes, Assistant G. Secretary, salary	125 00
"	"	"	"	4031, C. Bier, Janitor, salary	66 67
"	"	"	"	4032, Geo. F. Lewis' Son & Co., Cards	142 60
"	"	"	"	4033, Theo. A. Ross, postage stamps for Officers' Reports	120 00
"	"	"	"	4034, The Jno. L. Murphy Publishing Co, printing Officers' Reports	267 42
Oct.	8.	"	"	4035, Dobler & Mudge, paper for Officers' Reports	74 80
"	"	"	"	4036, Dobler & Mudge, paper for Daily Journal	238 64
"	"	"	"	4037, Collier & Cleaveland Co., printing Daily Journal	600 00
"	"	"	"	4038, Jacob Rapp & Co., coal for office	36 25
"	"	"	"	4039, Geo. F. Lewis' Son & Co., Diplomas,	44 83
"	"	"	"	4040, Wm. H. Akin & Son, stoves and pipe for office	107 60
"	"	"	"	4041, Allen Jenckes, Assistant G. Secretary, salary	125 00
"	"	"	"	4042, C. Bier, Janitor, salary	66 67
"	"	"	"	4043, Collier & Cleaveland Co., balance for printing Daily Journal	222 21
"	"	"	"	4044, Morton Butler & Co., carpets and oil cloth for office	53 00
"	"	"	"	4045, The M. C. Lilley & Co., Books	14 50
"	"	"	"	4046, Central Ohio Paper Co., paper	19 08
"	"	"	"	4047, Gazette Printing House, printing	16 50
Nov.	14.	"	"	4048, J. A. Price, carpenter work in office,	13 00
"	26.	"	"	4049, J. Medole & Son, Books	306 05
"	30.	"	"	4050, Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary, salary	625 00
"	"	"	"	4051, Allen Jenckes, Assistant G. Secretary, salary	125 00
"	"	"	"	4052, C. Bier, Janitor, salary	66 67
"	"	"	"	4053, Geo. F. Lewis' Son & Co., Cards	199 50
Dec.	17.	"	"	4054, Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary, office expenses	200 00
"	"	"	"	4055, F. E. Powell, boxes for Journals	11 10
"	24.	"	"	4056, Westbote Co, printing	38 25
"	"	"	"	4057, Gazette Printing House, printing	120 30
"	"	"	"	4058, Wm. H. Akin & Son, exchange of stove	17 00
"	"	"	"	4059, Dobler & Mudge, paper for Revised Journal	1,931 74
"	31.	"	"	4060, A. Hoen & Co., printing backs of Visiting Cards	75 44
"	"	"	"	4061, Jno. Medole & Son, Odes	36 60
"	"	"	"	4062, Geo. F. Lewis' Son & Co, Diplomas,	57 36
"	"	"	"	4063, Allen Jenckes Assistant G. Secretary, salary	125 00

Dec.	31.	Warrant No.	4064, C. Bier, Janitor, salary	$66	66
"	"	"	4065, Theo A. Ross, G. Secretary, freight and postage on Revised Journal	235	85
"	"	"	4066, Austin & Woolverton, insurance on Digest plates	12	25
"	"	"	4067, Jno. H. White, G. Sire, on account of appropriation	250	00
1888.					
Jan.	21.	"	4068, Argus Co., Albany, N. Y., Digests	425	35
"	"	"	4069, Grand Lodge of Maryland, ground rent	30	00
"	30.	"	4070, Allen Jenckes, Assistant G. Secretary, salary	125	00
"	"	"	4071, C. Bier, Janitor, salary	66	67
Feb.	4.	"	4073, Geo. F. Lewis' Son & Co., Cards	305	90
"	"	"	4074, John Medole & Son, Odes	218	70
"	"	"	4075, John Medole & Son, Books	297	25
"	11.	"	4076, The John L. Murphy Publishing Co., printing Revised Journal	1,555	96
"	"	"	4077, John Medole & Son, D. & B. pamphlets	102	60
"	18.	"	4079, The Central Ohio Paper Co., paper	38	14
"	29.	"	4080, Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary, office expenses	200	00
"	"	"	4081, Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary, salary	625	00
"	"	"	4082, Allen Jenckes, Assistant G. Secretary, salary	125	00
"	"	"	4083, C. Bier, Janitor, salary	66	66
March	7.	"	4084, Geo. F. Lewis' Son & Co., Cards	152	20
"	"	"	4085, W. H. Dougal, engraving portrait of H. F. Garey	100	00
"	8.	"	4086, R. W. Church, D. D. G. Sire, expenses	20	12
"	17.	"	4087, Jacob Rapp & Co., coal for office	15	00
"	31.	"	4088, Allen Jenckes, Assistant G. Secretary, salary	125	00
"	"	"	4089, C. Bier, Janitor, salary	66	67
April	7.	"	4090, Geo. F. Lewis' Son & Co., Diplomas,	109	90
"	10.	"	4091, John Medole & Son, Books	693	84
"	30.	"	4093, Allen Jenckes, Assistant G. Secretary, salary	125	00
"	"	"	4094, C. Bier, Janitor, salary	66	67
May	22.	"	4095, Associated Firemen's Insurance Co., insurance on building at Baltimore	6	25
"	26.	"	4096, A. Hoen & Co., Lodge and Encampment Charts	956	04
"	"	"	4097, Dobler & Mudge, paper	47	16
"	"	"	4098 Westbote Co., printing	48	50
"	"	"	4099, The M. C. Lilley & Co., Digests	7	50
"	"	"	4100, E. T. Powell, boxes	12	95
"	31.	"	4101, Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary, salary,	625	00
"	"	"	4102, Allen Jenckes, Assistant G. Secretary, salary	125	00
"	"	"	4103, C. Bier, Janitor, salary	66	67
June	2.	"	4104, John Medole & Son, Books	554	71
"	6.	"	4105, John H. White, indexing Vol. XII. Journal	100	00
"	"	"	4106, Geo. F. Lewis' Son & Co., Diplomas,	285	97

June	16.	Warrant No. 4107, Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary, office expenses	$200 00
"	"	" " 4108, John Medole & Son, Books and Odes,	202 90
"	23.	" " 4109, Allen Jenckes, Assistant G. Secretary, salary	125 00
"	"	" " 4110, C. Bier, Janitor, salary	66 66
"	"	" " 4111, Gazette Printing House, printing	39 50
July	12.	" " 4112, Franklin Insurance Co., insurance on books, furniture, etc	73 50
"	"	" " 4113, Hartford Fire Insurance Co., insurance on books, furniture, etc	36 75
"	"	" " 4114, Ætna Fire Insurance Co., insurance on books, furniture, etc	36 75
"	"	" " 4115, Grand Lodge of Maryland, ground rent	30 00
"	31.	" " 4116, Allen Jenckes, Assistant G. Secretary, salary	125 00
"	"	" " 4117, C. Bier, Janitor, salary	66 66
Aug.	6.	" " 4118, Seibert & Lilley, binding 36 Journals	54 00
"	"	" " 4119, J. C. Underwood, P. M. Tactics	40 00
"	11.	" " 4120, Geo. F. Lewis' Son & Co., insurance on steel plates	35 00
"	"	" " 4121, Associated Firemen's Insurance Co., insurance on electro plates	15 00
"	"	" " 4122, John Medole & Son, paper and printing	90 08
"	14.	" " 1423, J. C. Underwood, Lieutenant-General, postage, etc	253 60
"	15.	" " 4124, A. Hoen & Co., printing backs of Visiting Cards	47 73
"	"	" " 4125, Gazette Printing House, printing	6 75
"	"	" " 4126, Westbote Co., printing	8 25
"	"	" " 4127, Gazette Printing House, printing and binding Vol. XII., Journal	806 68
"	"	" " 4128, Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary, expenses	98 73
"	"	" " 4129, Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary, salary,	625 00
"	"	" " 4130, Isaac A. Sheppard, G. Treasurer, salary	500 00
"	"	" " 4131, Allen Jenckes, Assistant G. Secretary, salary	125 00
"	"	" " 4132, C. Bier, Janitor, salary	66 67
		Total	$49,484 63
"	15.	By cash balance	29,815 90
		Total aggregate	$79,300 53

In order to provide funds in Denver to pay the expenses of the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, an appropriation of $44.25 was made for that purpose. In settlement, however, with the German National Bank, the officers declined to make any charge for the service the bank had rendered, and your Treasurer has returned to the treasury the amount of $40, the sum unexpended, as will be seen in this report. Your Treasurer has, in his own behalf, as well as that of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, made due acknowledgment to the officers of the German National Bank of Denver for the kindness shown and services rendered.

In order to meet the requirements of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Denver, it became necessary to realize cash from securities, as will be seen in this report. Your Treasurer sold $2,500 of United States 4 per cent. bonds, at a premium of 25½ per cent., and also $3,000 of United States 4½ per cent. bonds, at a premium of 8 per cent., which reduces the bond account, $5,500.

ASSETS.

The available assets of the Sovereign Grand Lodge are as follows:

1888.		
*Aug. 15.	Balance in treasury	$29,815 90
	United States 4½ per cent. registered bonds, par	13,300 00
	United States 4½ per cent. coupon bonds, par	37,000 00
	Total assets	$80,115 90

Fraternally submitted,

ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,
Grand Treasurer.

Philadelphia, August 15th, 1888.

Rep. REDHEFFER, of Missouri, moved that the report be referred to the Committee on Finance, which was agreed to.

Rep. RUBY, of Maryland, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Credentials herewith make a supplemental report, recommending that WILLDEN PINKHAM, P. G. P., of Montana, be accredited as Representative from that jurisdiction, his credentials being in proper form, signed by the Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe, with the seal of the Grand Encampment attached.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. RUBY, J. P. YOUNG, J. H. FORNEY,
A. H. TUCKER, D. A. SMITH.

The Grand Secretary presented the following:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

As required by Rule of Order 5, the following were duly transmitted to Bro. JOHN W. STEBBINS, Rep. of New York, Chairman of Committee on Appeals:

1. Appeal of JOHN T. GIVEN, P. G. P., from the action of the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia.
2. Appeal of CHARLES B. R. COLLEDGE, P. G. M., from the action of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.
3. Appeal of EMILE WELTE, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.
4. Appeal of GEORGE PASCOE, P. C. P., from the action of the Grand Encampment of Montana.
5. Appeal of Newark Lodge, No. 8, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.
6. Appeal of JOHN MCVAY, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

* A discrepancy of $40 appears between this and the account of the Grand Secretary, which is explained by the receipt of the amount, as stated above, from the German National Bank of Denver.

7. Appeal of SAMUEL F. GWINNER, P. G. M, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.
8. Appeal of JAMES J. COOPER, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
9. Appeal of JAMES J. ASHMAN, JR, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.
10. Appeal of W. W. STELL, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas.
11. Appeal of WILLIAM H. WELDON, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces, B. N. A.
12. Appeal of ED. A. STEVENS, P. G. M., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.
13. Appeal of Friendship Lodge, No. 20, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.
14. Appeal of Mrs. AUGUSTE HAEFKE, from the action of the Grand Lodge of California.
15. Appeal of Mrs. ADDIE PRYOR, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.
16. Appeal of HARPER WILSON, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

All Constitutions, By-Laws, Journals and other documents received with the foregoing were placed in the hands of the Committee on Appeals.

Respectfully submitted.

THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary.*

Also, the following applications for Charters, which were referred to the Committee on Petitions:

Grand Encampment of Idaho.
Grand Encampment of Utah.
Gila Encampment, No. 3, Arizona.
Ridgely Encampment, No. 2, Idaho.
Temple Encampment, No. 3, Idaho.
Ivanhoe Encampment, No. 4, Idaho.
Enterprise Encampment, No. 5, Idaho.
Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, Manitoba, Canada.
Hidalgo Encampment, No. 1, Mexico.
Raton Encampment, No. 5, New Mexico.
Eidgenossen Encampment, No. 1, Switzerland, Europe.
Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, Utah.
Uinta Encampment, No. 5, Utah.
Germania Lodge, No. 4, Chile, South America.
Fraternité Lodge, No. 2, France, Europe.
Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 6, Indian Territory.
South Canadian Lodge, No. 7, Indian Territory.
Friendship Lodge, No. 8, Indian Territory.
Prins Hendrik Lodge, No. 3, Netherlands, Europe.
Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 1, Saskatchewan, Canada.
Veritas Lodge, No. 2, Sweden, Europe.
Amicitia Lodge, No. 3, Sweden, Europe.
Pacific Degree Lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah, Sandwich Islands.

Warrants for which were issued during the recess.

Also, the following, which were referred to the Committee on Constitutions:

Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico.
Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.
Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Dakota.
Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.
Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas.
Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.
Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nevada.
Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.
Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.
Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas.
Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Utah.
Amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Kansas.
Amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Michigan.
By-Laws of Concorde Lodge, No. 1, France, Europe.
By-Laws of Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 6, Indian Territory.
By-Laws of South Canadian Lodge, No. 7, Indian Territory.
By-Laws of Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 1, Saskatchewan, Canada.
By-Laws of Valdemar Encampment, No. 1, Denmark, Europe.
By-Laws of Knud Lavard Encampment, No. 2, Denmark, Europe.
By-Laws of Niels Ebbessens Encampment, No. 3, Denmark, Europe.
By-Laws of Pushmataha Encampment, No. 2, Indian Territory.
By-Laws of Hidalgo Encampment, No. 1, Mexico.
By-Laws of Independence Degree Lodge, No. 2, Daughters of Rebekah, Indian Territory.
By-Laws of Pacific Degree Lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah, Sandwich Islands.
Amended By-Laws of Cyclone Lodge, No. 3, Indian Territory.
Amended By-Laws of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Islands.
Amended By-Laws of Las Vegas Encampment, No. 2, New Mexico.
Amended By-Laws of Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, Sandwich Islands.

Also, the annual reports of the several Grand and Subordinate Bodies for the year 1887, which were referred to the Committee on Returns.

Also, the following, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

STOR-LOGEN FOR KONGERIGET DANMARK, I. O. O. F.,
STOR SECRETAIRENS BUREAU.

Kjobenhavn K, den 26 July, 1888.

THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary, Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—In accordance with a resolution in the last session of our Grand Lodge, I beg to inquire whether our Grand Lodge may *allow* its Subordinate Lodges (which should wish such) to form a mutual assurance against the results of chronic or incurable diseases of its members, so that benefits for sickness, paid by any of the Lodges in the current year for the same sickness for more than thirteen weeks, shall be divided among all the Lodges participating in the assurance, according to the membership at the end of each term?

Can the Grand Lodge *order* its Subordinate Lodges to do so?

Awaiting your worthy answer, I sign most respectfully greeting.

In F., L. and T. In the absence of the Grand Master,

J. RATH, *Deputy Grand Master.*

Attest: J. HANSEN, *Grand Secretary.*

Also, the following, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

STOR-LOGEN FOR KONGERIGET DANMARK, I. O. O. F.,
STOR-SECRETAIRENS BUREAU.

Kjobenhavn K, den 1 Juni, 1888.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

At the last session of our Grand Lodge it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the kingdom of Denmark, by its elected officers, petition for a Charter for an Independent Grand Lodge of Scandinavia, to be composed of the kingdoms of Denmark, Sweden and Norway, and to be located in Copenhagen; such Charter to be equal in its rights and privileges to that given to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire.

In accordance with this resolution, we hereby petition for the named Charter, trusting that the Sovereign Grand Lodge will see it to be in the interest of our beloved Order, and for its welfare.

Brotherly greeting in F., L. and T.,

A. HOLCK, *Grand Master.* J. RATH, *Deputy Grand Master.*
E. D. JACOBSON, *Grand Warden.* J. HANSEN, *Grand Secretary.*
L. P. OLSEN, *Grand Treasurer.*

Also, the following, which was referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SCRIBE, GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF DAKOTA.

Sioux Falls, Dak., July 21st, 1888.

THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary, Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I inclose the following, showing the action of the Grand Encampment of Dakota at the last session, May 15th, 16th, 1888, viz.:

Patriarch BLAUVELT, of No. 1, from the Committee on Judiciary, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Encampment of Dakota, I. O. O. F.:

Your committee, to whom was referred the resolutions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, relative to membership in the Patriarchal Circle, have had the same under consideration, and would recommend that this Grand Encampment adopt and enforce the same by having said oath, as adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, printed on reports of District or Encampment Deputies, and that said oath be administered to and subscribed by each officer before installation.

Also, that the form of petition for membership, as adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and which has been furnished to Encampments in this jurisdiction, be and the same is hereby approved, and adopted as the regular form of petition for this jurisdiction. Yours fraternally,

RALPH R. BRIGGS, *Grand Scribe.*

Also, the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY, GRAND LODGE OF DAKOTA.

Sioux Falls, Dakota, July 21st, 1888.

THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary, Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—The Grand Lodge of Dakota adopted the following peculiar resolution at the annual session, May 15th, 16th, 17th, 1888, and it is submitted for the consideration of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, viz.:

Rep. KELLOGG, of No. 67, from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of Dakota, I. O. O. F.:

Your committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. HAMILTON, of No. 31, which reads as follows, viz :

"*Resolved*, That it shall be considered sufficient proof that a Past Grand is in good standing in his Lodge if his name shall appear on the semi-annual report of his Lodge, made not later than the preceding January, and if he be in possession of the term Pass Word, provided that neither the Grand Secretary nor any Representative present at the Grand Lodge session, has information that said Brother has been suspended or expelled since the preceding January. In such cases any Past Grand may receive the Grand Lodge Degree and be admitted as a visitor."

Your committee, having examined the foregoing resolution, are of the opinion that some modification of the existing law upon the foregoing subject might be expedient. We therefore recommend the adoption of said resolution.

Please have the Sovereign Grand Lodge pass upon the constitutionality of the above.

Yours fraternally,

RALPH R. BRIGGS, *Grand Secretary.*

Also, the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY, GRAND LODGE OF DAKOTA.

Sioux Falls, Dakota, July 21st, 1888.

THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—The following queries were adopted by the Grand Lodge of Dakota, at the annual session, May 15th, 16th and 17th, 1888, and are hereby submitted to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, viz.:

Rep. ASHLEY, of No. 63, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be and they are hereby instructed to present to that Grand Body the following queries, to wit:

Statement—A Brother dropped for non-payment of dues, under the provisions of Section 4, Article IX., Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, makes application for re-instatement under the provisions of the above section, and the application for re-instatement is rejected by the Lodge.

Query 1—Is not such member, so rejected, debarred from further application for re-instatement, under the provisions of Section 9, Article IX.?

Query 2—Is not the only redress of such rejected member the demand and receipt of a Dismissal Certificate, as provided by Section 9, Article IX.?

Attest: RALPH R. BRIGGS, *Grand Secretary.*

Also, the following, which was referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business:

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY, GRAND LODGE OF DAKOTA.

Sioux Falls, Dakota, July 21st, 1888.

THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—The following action was taken by the Grand Lodge of Dakota on the proclamation of the Grand Sire, at our annual session, May 15th, 16th, 17th, 1888, viz :

Rep. DAVIS, of No. 76, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of Dakota, I. O. O. F.:

Your committee, to whom was referred the proclamation of the Grand Sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, dated December 12th, 1887, have duly considered the matter, and would recommend that the reading of the same frequently, and at every initiation, be observed, and would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby instructed to procure the publication of said resolution in convenient form, to be attached to all copies of the Constitution hereafter furnished to Subordinate Lodges, and forward to each Lodge a sufficient number to insert in the Constitutions and By-Laws now in their possession, with instructions to insert the same.

Rep. MARSH, of No. 93, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of Dakota, I. O. O. F.:

Your committee, to whom was referred the resolutions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge relative to membership in the Patriarchal Circle, have had the same under consideration, and would recommend that this Grand Lodge adopt and enforce the same, by having said oath, as adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, printed on reports of District or Lodge Deputies, and that said oath be administered to and subscribed by each officer before installation.

Also, that the form of petition for membership, as adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and which has been furnished to Lodges in this jurisdiction, be and the same is hereby approved and adopted as the regular form of petition for this jurisdiction.

Attest: RALPH R. BRIGGS, *Grand Secretary.*

Also, the following, which was referred to the Special Committee on Dues and Benefits:

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY, GRAND LODGE OF DAKOTA.

Sioux Falls, Dakota, July 21st, 1888.

THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—The Grand Lodge of Dakota, at the annual session, May 15th, 16th, 17th, 1888, took the following action on the subject of Dues and Benefits, viz.:

Rep. NUGENT, of No. 6, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of Dakota, I. O. O. F.:

Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of the revision of the schedule of the dues and benefits, have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the same be again submitted to Subordinate Lodges, with instructions to report at the next session of this Grand Lodge, their sentiments on the adoption of the proposed revision of the schedule for dues and benefits, as has been recommended by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Also, the following on the liquor question, viz.:

Rep. AMES, of No. 43, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of Dakota, I. O. O F.:

Your committee, to whom was referred the several resolutions upon the liquor question, presented by Reps. BUXTON, MCINTYRE and FULLER, have given the

same very careful consideration, and would respectfully report that the adoption of the same would prescribe a new test of membership, and therefore be in conflict with the legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge on the subject. (*See* Sections 585, 586, 587, White's Digest.)

Your committee would therefore recommend, in lieu of the several resolutions referred to, that the following be adopted, to wit:

That the Grand Lodge of Dakota re-affirms its belief in temperance as one of the cardinal principles of Odd Fellowship, and rejoices in the growing sentiment in favor of this ancient, fundamental and cherished principle of our Order.

Resolved, further, That the Grand Lodge of Dakota recommends to the Sovereign Grand Lodge such legislation on this subject as may seem to be in accordance with the advanced sentiment of the times.

Attest: RALPH R. BRIGGS, *Grand Secretary.*

Also, the following:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

BROTHERS—The undersigned, representing The M. W. HAZEN Co., publishers of "Odd Fellowship; Its History and Manual," by THEO. A. ROSS, Grand Secretary, takes pleasure in presenting to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, to be placed in its valuable library, a copy of the said work; also, a copy to each officer and member of the Body, with the compliments of the author, and will be glad if the Grand Lodge, in its judgment, sees fit to refer the book to a special committee for examination.

If any member has not received a copy, the book will be furnished if he will kindly leave his name with the Grand Messenger.

Fraternally yours,
L. C. HASCALL.

Also, the following, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

I. O. O. F.
VERITAS LODGE, No. 2, OF SWEDEN.
Trelleborg, March 3d, 1888.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

In continuation of our petition, dated 16th day of November, 1887, for being placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the kingdom of Denmark, which petition the Grand Sire, on the 12th of December, 1887, has granted, we, forwarding herewith our report for the term from 4th of November to 31st of December, 1887, respectfully beg that the Grand Lodge will remit us the dues, $65.75, as the institution and arrangement of our Lodge has taken a large amount of our funds; so much the more as we have constructed our own building, and our membership is not very large.

Brotherly greeting in F., L. and T.,
KNUT SJOBLOM, *Noble Grand.*
G. SMITH, *Secretary.*

Also, the following:

I. O. O. F.
GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS,
BOARD OF TRADE ROOMS.
Los Angeles, Cal., September 17th, 1888.

To the Officers and Members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS—The General Executive Committee respectfully request the pleasure of your presence at the grand parade, to be given in your

honor, which occurs to-morrow, Tuesday, at 2 P. M. Carriages will be provided. Meet at Westminster Hotel at 1:30 P. M.

Fraternally,

CHARLES E. GAULT, *Chairman.*

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved that the invitation be accepted, with the thanks of the Grand Lodge, which was adopted.

Also, the following, which was referred to the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem:

GRAND LODGE,
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS, OF ARIZONA.

Phœnix, Arizona, August 3d, 1888.

THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary, Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I hereby certify that Arizona Territory now has the constitutional number of Subordinate Lodges to place her on a footing with other Grand Lodge jurisdictions of the Order, to wit:

Arizona Lodge, No. 1, at Prescott, Yavapai county; Phœnix Lodge, No. 2, at Phœnix, Maricopa county; Pima Lodge, No. 3, at Tucson, Pima county; Pinal Lodge, No. 4, at Silver King, Pinal county; Cochise Lodge, No. 5, at Tombstone, Cochise county; Globe Lodge, No. 6, at Globe City, Gila county; Kingman Lodge, No. 7, at Kingman, Mohave county; Tempe Lodge, No. 8, at Tempe, Maricopa county; Nogales Lodge, No. 9, at Nogales, Pima county; Bisbee Lodge, No. 10, at Bisbee, Cochise county.

N. A. MORFORD, *Grand Secretary.*

Also, the following, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,
GRAND LODGE OF AUSTRALASIA.

Friendship, Love, Truth.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in Session Assembled:

GRAND SIRE AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—The petition of the Grand Lodge of Australasia of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows respectfully showeth that:

WHEREAS, The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., has directed that the work of the Subordinate Lodges shall be conducted in the Third Degree; and

WHEREAS, It was felt that such a change in the mode of working in this jurisdiction was undesirable and inexpedient, and would not be attended with results advantageous to the Order in this jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, A large amount of correspondence has passed between the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Australasia touching this matter, from which the Sovereign Grand Lodge has concluded that the Grand Lodge of Australasia is not a Body having the power to enforce its mandates on the Subordinate Grand Lodges in Australasia, and that, therefore, the Sovereign Grand Lodge could "not enter into any agreement with the same which would legally bind the Provincial Grand Lodges of that (this) jurisdiction, unless the latter consent to the same;" and

WHEREAS, The Sovereign Grand Lodge, in session in the city of Baltimore, in September, 1885, adopted the following resolutions upon the report of the

Committee on Foreign Relations, as recorded in the Journal of Proceedings of that session, on page 10,059, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That as soon as the Grand Lodge of the Grand Jurisdiction of Australasia, being either a legally-existing incorporated Body, with full legal power to enforce upon its Subordinates its mandates, or with the written proper consent of all its Subordinate Provincial Grand Lodges, shall in proper form ask to receive and be invested with all the powers and privileges heretofore by us given and granted to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, as defined in the amended Charter to that Grand Lodge, and our contracts and stipulations with the same, it shall be granted and receive all said powers and privileges, subject only to like limitations as contained in the Charter and agreement with the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, and in the same manner and under the same formalities in which the latter received the same.

"*Resolved*, That if, having thus been made as independent as any jurisdiction of our Order, Australasia shall direct the transaction of ordinary Lodge business to take place in the Initiatory Degree, such action on its part shall not be by this Sovereign Grand Lodge held and considered a violation of the limitation against changes in the Unwritten Work to be contained in the amended Charter it will receive, although a transfer of certain parts of the Unwritten Work to the Initiatory from a higher degree may be made necessary, and as long as the Work itself is not in any manner altered or changed." And which above-recited resolutions were re-affirmed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at its session in the city of Denver, State of Colorado, in September, 1887, as recorded in the Daily Report of the proceedings of that session, on pages 98 and 152 (Revised Journal, page 10,931); and

WHEREAS, The several Colonies and Provinces in which our Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions are situated, are under distinct and separate governments and laws, and there being no imperial or federal government or laws covering the whole of Australasia, under which the Grand Lodge of Australasia could be incorporated, we are compelled to abandon the first suggestion contained in the above resolutions, but the Grand Lodge of Australasia cheerfully accepts the second suggestion or condition specified in the aforesaid resolutions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and at its triennial session, held in the city of Sydney, in May, 1887, by resolution determined to "take the necessary steps to obtain the written proper consent of the Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions in Australasia to the authority and supremacy of the Grand Lodge of Australasia, in all matters touching Odd Fellowship in Australasia;" and

WHEREAS, The written proper consents of the several Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions in Australasia have been so obtained and are forwarded herewith to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.; therefore,

Your petitioners, the Grand Lodge of Australasia, I. O. O. F., respectfully and fraternally "ask to receive and be invested with all and singular, the powers and privileges," etc., as defined or expressed in the aforesaid resolutions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., made and adopted in session 1885 and session 1887, and that an amended Grand Charter in accordance therewith be made and granted to the Grand Lodge of Australasia as set forth in the said resolutions.

And, further, your petitioners respectfully ask that if our petition should unfortunately be not "in proper form," that fact shall not, by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be regarded as demerit, or prove a bar to your acceptance of our petition; and your petitioners, being earnestly desirous to preserve the unity of our beloved Order in the bonds of truth and love, fraternally present this, our petition, fully believing that in so doing they are endeavoring to secure the best interests of the I. O. O. F.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM D. McKEE, *Grand Sire.*

[SEAL] J. C. SMITH, *Grand Secretary.*

Dated this 24th day of July, 1888, Melbourne, Victoria, Australasia

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Australasia of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

GENTLEMEN AND BRETHREN—We, the undersigned, the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, do hereby, on behalf and with the consent of the said Grand Lodge of Victoria, cheerfully acknowledge and assent to the authority and supremacy in Australasia of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Australasia, I. O. O. F., in all matters touching Odd Fellowship in Australasia, that the said Grand Lodge of Australasia may or can do, or legislate upon, by virtue of any Charter which it, the said Grand Lodge of Australasia, may now enjoy, or which may hereafter be granted to the said Grand Lodge, by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, excepting only such matters as are directly governed by the "acts" of the legislation of this Colony, and which are therefore beyond the control of our Grand Lodge.

And we do hereby solemnly affirm that the authority by which we sign this document is a resolution of our Grand Lodge, made and adopted at the annual session of our said Grand Lodge, held at Ballarat, in the Colony of Victoria, on the 23d day of February, 1888.

Given under our hands and the seal of our Grand Lodge, this, the 23d day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

E. A. COLLIS, *Grand Master*
J. C. SMITH, *Grand Seeretary.*

[Copies of the above with the following attestations, are presented:]

Given under our hands and the seal of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, this 7th day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

H. NAPHTALI, *Grand Master.*
WM. REID, *Grand Secretary.*

Given under our hands and the seal of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, this 19th day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

MATTHEW ADAMS, *Grand Master.*
A. LEANE, *Grand Secretary.*

Given under our hands and the seal of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, this, the 14th day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

ALEX. SPENCE, *Grand Master.*
HENRY H. GREENE, *Grand Secretary.*

Given under our hands and the seal of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, this, the 2d day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

F. H. HAYS, *Grand Master.*
GEORGE GOOD, *Grand Secretary.*

We attest that this (signed to each of the above) is a true copy of the original document.

J. C. SMITH, *Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Australasia.*
D. CLYNE, *Grand Treasurer of Grand Lodge of Victoria.*

August 6th, 1888.

Also, the following:

San Diego, Sept. 5th, 1888.

To the Grand Sire, Officers and Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., Los Angeles, Cal.:

SIRS AND BROTHERS—The Odd Fellows of the city of San Diego send greeting, and give you a cordial invitation to visit their city at the close of your session. We will give you a hospitable welcome.

DOUGLAS GUNN,
W. W. STEWART,
C. F. HOLLAND,
Executive Committee of the General Committee, I. O. O. F., of San Diego.

Rep. POWERS, of Iowa, moved that the invitation be accepted for Saturday P. M., the 22d inst., which was adopted.

Also, the following, (accompanying a large supply of delicious fruit,) which was accepted with the thanks of the Grand Lodge:

FOOTHILL LODGE, No. 317, I. O. O. F.
Newcastle, Placer County, Cal., September 15th, 1888.

Fraternal Greetings to our Brethren, the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in Session at Los Angeles:

While gladly availing ourselves of the opportunity to spread before our Brethren the fruits of this favored section of the State, we feel that it is due to ourselves to state, that had the opportunity been given us three weeks earlier, we could then have selected fruits in greater variety, finer quality, larger, and of more attractive appearance. With us the season for deciduous fruits is nearly ended. It is well that it is so, that a little rest may be given, wherein to prepare for the gathering in of the orange crop, which rapidly ripens under the favorable auspices of the genial rays of our autumn sun, and the remarkably dry atmosphere, so favorable to the early ripening of our citrus fruits. We are anxious that you should taste of our productions, because we always have believed that they were good. And the fact that Placer county has again been awarded the first prize at our State Fair just closed, confirms our judgment to be well founded. Extending to you a cordial welcome to our sunny clime,

We are fraternally, in F., L. and T.,
E. W. CULVER,
GEO. L. RICHEY,
C. H. KELLOGG,
Committee.

Also, the following:

Helena, Montana, September 16th, 1888.

Jacob Loeb, Representative to, and the Grand Sire and Officers of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Los Angeles:

The Odd Fellows and citizens of Helena send greetings and most respectfully invite you and the officers of your Honorable Body to visit us on your return.

JNO. S. McCABE,
Chairman of Committee of Montana Lodge, Excelsior Lodge, Rocky Mountain Encampment, and Canton Colfax.

Rep. POWERS, of Iowa, moved that the invitation be accepted, with the thanks of the Grand Lodge, on the part of the officers and members who will return to their homes by the Northern Pacific railroad, which was adopted.

The Deputy Grand Sire presented the following, which was accepted with the thanks of the Grand Lodge:

TERRITORY OF MONTANA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE.
Helena, Montana, August 27th, 1888.

Governor John C. Underwood, Lieut.-General of the Patriarchs Militant of the I. O. O. F.:

MY DEAR FRIEND—I have information to the effect that arrangements are being made by the several Lodges of the I. O. O. F. located at this place, to invite the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., to call in this city on their return to the East from the meeting in September at Los Angeles, and accept their offering of a banquet; and further, that the Honorable Mayor and Council and Aldermen of this city have formally tendered to them the freedom and hospitalities of the city of Helena on that occasion. I have now the pleasing privilege and the honor to subjoin to their compliment my own invitation for and on behalf of the people of the Territory of Montana, to the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., and to yourself, the Lieut.-General of Patriarchs Militant of the I. O. O. F., and as a distinguished citizen and Odd Fellow, that you will, each and all of you, on your return travel from the Pacific slope to the East, make your way by this beautiful city, and through this most wonderfully charming country, the citadel of America's gold, copper and silver mines, the grassy plains furnishing the best beef in the world, and horses of more endurance than any in the United States, and the great valleys of rich soils offering their marvelously large rewards to the husbandman's toil, and behold these great mountains, beautiful rivers and lakes, canyons, geysers and sparkling waterfalls. Every citizen of this Territory, (which is an empire of good things), will be glad to welcome and extend to you the heartiest favor.

Respectfully,
PRESTON H. LESLIE, *Governor.*

The Grand Secretary presented the following:

Petition of Atoka Lodge, No. 5, Indian Territory, to be allowed to remove the Lodge from Atoka to Lehigh, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Statement from Peru Lodge, No. 539, Peru, Indiana, of dues and benefits paid by the Lodge, which was referred to the Committee on Dues and Benefits.

Petition of J. P. WILSON, of Illinois, for redress from the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, which was referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

Also, the following:

Topeka, Kan., September 15th, 1888.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O F.,
Care of J. S Collins, Rossmore Hotel, Los Angeles:

On behalf of our citizens, I most earnestly and cordially invite you to hold your next session at the city of Topeka, and tender you the freedom and hospitality of our city in case you accept our invitation.

D. C. METZGER, *Mayor.*

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved that the consideration of the invitation be postponed for the present, which was agreed to.

The Grand Sire presented the petition of Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, McAlester, Indian Territory, for permission to remove to Krebs, Indian Territory, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Also, sundry communications from Havana, Cuba, which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Also, petition of Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 6, Indian Territory, for permission to meet bi-weekly, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Also, petition of CHARLES I. RICE, for permission to publish "a collection of original poetry and music for use in Degree Work," etc., which was referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

Also, the following, which was accepted with the thanks of the Grand Lodge:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The twelfth annual meeting of the Past Grand Representatives' Union will be held at Armory Hall, to-morrow evening, September 18th, at 8 o'clock, and the officers, members and Past Grand Sires, with their ladies accompanying them, are invited to attend.

JAS. P. SANDERS, *President, pro tem.*

JNO. W. MCQUIDDY, *Secretary.*

The jurisdictions were called, when

Rep. MINTA, of California, presented a memorial from the Grand Lodge of California on the subject of admitting persons of eighteen years old and upwards to membership.

Rep. GIPSON, of Colorado, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. DORSETT, of Georgia, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. ORENDORFF, of Illinois, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the annexed memorial on the subject of a National Convention of the Degree of Rebekah be referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah.

MEMORIAL.

Spring Valley, Ill., Sept. 3d, 1888.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.:

We, the undersigned, and the Rebekahs of Illinois, being convinced that the Degree of Rebekah is an efficient and useful auxiliary to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and that the organization of State Conventions, in many jurisdictions, has resulted in great good, not only in causing an increased interest and membership of the Rebekah Degree, but also to the Order, as indicated by the prosperous condition of Subordinate Lodges wherever Rebekah Degree Lodges have been instituted; still further believing that the organization of a National Convention of the Degree of Rebekah would greatly tend toward the perfection and efficiency of the degree in carrying out the principles of F., L., T.; in behalf of the Rebekahs of Illinois, do most respectfully and earnestly petition your Honorable Body, in Sovereign Grand Lodge assembled, that you grant our prayer, *i. e.* the calling of a National Convention of the Daughters of Rebekah in 1889, to convene at the same time and place that the Sovereign Grand Lodge holds its annual session; and furthermore, that each State Convention elect not less than three Delegates and one Delegate-at-large to represent each State at the National Convention, for the purpose of furthering the interests of the degree.

Respectfully submitted, in F., L. and T.,

ANNA E. MORELAND, *President Rebekah Degree State Convention, I O. O. F., of Illinois.*
MARY A. FUNK, *Vice President.*
M. R. CUNNINGHAM, *Secretary.*

Rep. CARLIN, of Illinois, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Resolved, That Article XXII. of the By-Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge be amended by adding thereto the following:

Members of Grand Bodies, in lieu of the collar, may wear on the left lapel of the coat, a badge two inches wide and six inches long, of the same color as the collar prescribed for the several degrees and rank attained, which badge may be trimmed with gold, silver or other metal, to conform to that provided for collars.

Rep. CARLIN, of Illinois, moved the following:

Resolved, That mileage for the present session, to officers and members of this Grand Body, be fixed at seven cents per mile one way, by the nearest traveled route, and that per diem be fixed at five dollars and allowed for six days.

The question being on the resolution,

Rep. RANDALL, of California, moved to amend as follows:

Resolved, That the mileage to officers and Representatives at this session be fixed at ten cents per mile one way, by the nearest possible traveled route, and that per diem be fixed at five dollars per day for six days.

The question being on the amendment,

Rep. CARLIN, of Illinois, called for the yeas and nays, which were not ordered.

The amendment was adopted, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Rep. GIBSON, of Texas, moved that the vote by which the resolution was adopted be reconsidered, and that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, which was adopted.

Rep. POWERS, of Iowa, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be required to place the requisite number of stamps required for mailing reports each day, on the desks of members, except the last day of the session, which reports shall be mailed by the Grand Secretary.

Rep. WHIPPLE, of Iowa, submitted the following letter from Bro. E. J. LEECH, Past Grand Sire, and moved that it be entered upon the Journal, which was agreed to:

Keokuk, Iowa, September 10th, 1888.

George Whipple, Grand Representative, Los Angeles, Cal.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—As you know, up to the last moment, I anticipated and expected to be with you at this session of the Sovereign Lodge, and had actually started *en route* for Kansas City to join the other pilgrims to the Pacific coast. A sudden and severe attack of illness caused me to stop and return home, which, of course, renders it impossible for me to be present. The disappointment causes regret and my heart is sad. This would have been the twenty-seventh consecutive annual session of my service in this distinguished Body, and I had looked forward to meeting the members thereof with great anticipations of pleasure. But "man proposes and God disposes," and I humbly submit to the decree of the Infinite Power. Trusting that this will be a pleasant and harmonious session, and the legislation had will tend to build up and promote the highest interests of the Order, with kind regards to all, I am

Yours truly and fraternally,

ERIE J. LEECH.

Rep. POWERS, of Iowa, submitted the following memorial from a convention of the Daughters of Rebekah, held in the city of Des Moines, Iowa, on September 5th, 1888, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

WHEREAS, This convention of the Degree of the Daughters of Rebekah having learned that an effort is being made, looking to a General Convention of the Degree of Rebekah, to be called by the Grand Sire, to meet at the same time and place of the S. G. L.; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives from the Grand Jurisdiction of Iowa be, and they are hereby, requested to use all honorable means to secure the call of such convention.

CARRIE T. DRUMMOND, *President.*

LAURA A. KENT, *Secretary.*

Rep. BLOCK, of Iowa, submitted the amended Constitution

of the Grand Encampment of Iowa, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. WHIPPLE, of Iowa, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. GRAHAM, of Louisiana, submitted a plan for an Endowment Rank, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Reps. REDHEFFER and SMITH, of Missouri, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

WHEREAS, At the last session of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, held at Kansas City, May 15th to 17th, 1888, the following preamble and resolution from the convention of the Daughters of Rebekah then in session were presented to that Grand Body, viz.:

Kansas City, May 15th, 1888.

WHEREAS, The annual meeting or convention of the Degree of Rebekah in this State demonstrated that such annual gatherings are highly beneficial and have very largely increased an interest in the degree, not only in the Work during initiation, but resulting in an increase in membership, and we believe that a Sovereign Convention of a similar character would also add materially in making the degree one to be sought after by all Odd Fellows and their famililies;

Resolved, That this convention request the Grand Lodge of Missouri, I. O. O. F., to petition the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., to call a General Grand Convention of the Degree of Rebekah, I. O. O. F, in 1889, to convene at the same time and place that the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall hold its session, and furthermore that each State Convention elect not less than five Delegates and one Delegate-at-large to represent each State at the General Grand Convention, for the purpose of furthering the interest of this degree.

Respectfully submitted in F., L. and T.,

MARY E. REA.

AND WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Missouri adopted the said resolution, and now petitions this Sovereign Grand Lodge to grant the request; therefore, be it

Resolved, That permission is hereby granted the various State Grand Lodges to arrange for a General Convention of the D. of R., to convene at the time the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall hold its session, in accordance with the resolution above recited, as adopted by the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

Rep. REDHEFFER, of Missouri, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. MACK, of Nevada, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Also, the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF NEVADA, I. O. O. F.
Virginia, Nevada, August 11th, 1888.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The following resolutions were, on motion of R. KIRMAN, P. G. M., of No. 10, adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Nevada, is in favor of doing away with the present cumbersome Visiting Card, and adopting an official receipt for dues in its place, said receipt to be issued by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., at a cost sufficient to insure a greater revenue to that Body than is now received from the sale of the Visiting Card.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge is in favor of the adoption of the form submitted by this Grand Lodge last year, or one similar thereto, and earnestly petitions for the adoption of said form by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That, on its adoption, the official receipt shall have the same force and value as the Visiting Card, and may be used to the same extent for purposes of visitation, and shall be held to be such a proper card as is required by Article XVI., Section 1, of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be forwarded to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, under the seal of this Grand Body.

A correct copy.

Attest: B. F. WALLACE, *Grand Secretary.*

Also, the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF NEVADA, I. O. O. F.
Virginia, Nevada, August 11th, 1888.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted, on motion of W. J. SMITH, P. G. M., of No. 22:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Nevada, earnestly petitions the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., to organize a National Endowment Insurance Feature, to embrace the following principles, to wit:

First. To be controlled by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Second. The Sovereign Grand Lodge to carry on the business with the Grand Jurisdictions participating in the Insurance Feature, and with the Subordinate Lodges under its immediate supervision.

Third. The Grand Lodges participating in the Endowment Feature to carry on the business with their own Subordinates, and make returns thereof to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Fourth. The Endowment Feature to be carried on in the Subordinate Lodges instead of forming a new Lodge for the purpose.

Fifth. All expenses incurred in maintaining the Endowment Feature to be collected from those who participate in its membership.

Sixth. To be optional with all Scarlet Degree members.

Seventh. All assessments to be graded according to age.

Eighth. All insurance organizations controlled by the Grand Lodges, I. O. O. F., to be allowed to join in a body by surrendering all funds on hand.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions, under seal, be forwarded to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

A correct copy. Attest: B. F. WALLACE, *Grand Secretary.*

Rep. ISZARD, of New Jersey, submitted the amended Con-

stitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. DILKS, of New York, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY,
GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.
New York, September 6th, 1888.

At the annual session of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, held in the city of Albany, August 23d, 1888, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Sovereign Grand Lodge is requested to repeal all laws making possession of the Rebekah Degree a qualification for office in Subordinate Lodges. To give to Rebekah Degree Lodges the exclusive right to confer the Rebekah Degree. To adopt a form of installation especially adapted to Rebekah Degree Lodges.

JAS. TERWILLIGER, *Grand Secretary*.

Rep. DILKS, of New York, submitted a petition of W. R. SPOONER, that copies of the Daily Journal of the sessions be sold to subscribers.

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, raised the point of order that the petition could not be received, which the Chair declared not well taken, and the paper was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. DILKS, of New York, presented a petition from Bro. L. BOURDONNAY, P. G., for additional compensation on account of the expenses incurred by him in instituting Concorde Lodge, No. 1, at Havre, France, March 2d, 1887, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. OLIVER, of Ontario, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

Question—Can a suspended member of an Encampment wear the regalia of the Encampment branch in his Subordinate Lodge, during suspension? If not, what steps are proper to take to prevent it?

Rep. CAMPBELL, of Ontario, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Amend Article XXII. of the By Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, by adding thereto the following:

At sessions of Grand Bodies, in lieu of any regalia hereinbefore described, a ribbon may be worn, of the color of the highest degree the member has attained, having attached thereto any jewel which he is entitled or required to wear.

Rep. KINES, of Quebec, submitted the following:

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.
Montreal, September, 1888.

Moved by Rep. D. J. DICKSON: "That this Grand Lodge unanimously approve of the institution of a Juvenile Order of Odd Fellows, and that they instruct their Grand Representative to bring the matter before the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its next session." Carried unanimously.

HENRY A. JACKSON, *Grand Secretary.*

Rep. GIBSON, of Texas, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of Texas, found on pages 15 and 159, relating to the petition of Garibaldi Lodge, No. 321, to have its Ritual printed in the Italian language, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. BLANKS, of Virginia, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. CLARK, of Wisconsin, by direction of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, moved the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, It is claimed that the German Ritual is not grammatical, and does not express the sense of the original; therefore,

Resolved, That the German Ritual be referred to a committee of three, conversant with that language, to be selected by the Grand Sire, with instructions to examine and report the facts to this Grand Body, with recommendations, and that said committee report in secret session.

Rep. HEDRICK, of Nebraska, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which, the rule being suspended, was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition for the Grand Encampment of Idaho, would report that we have examined the certificates and other papers relating to the same, find them in form, and that a Warrant for the Grand Encampment of Idaho was duly issued on the 23d day of July, 1888, and that the said Grand Encampment of Idaho was instituted August 6th, 1888, as shown by the returns.

We therefore offer the following, and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary be approved and the Charter for the Grand Encampment of Idaho be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HEDRICK,	C. D. ANDERSON,	WM. R. DUTEMPLE,
HIRAM HILL,	FRANCIS M. REA,	C. H. DORSETT,
J. T. CROSETT,	D. A. BUCHER.	

Rep. HEDRICK, of Nebraska, from the same committee, made

the following report, which, the rule being suspended, was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the application for the Grand Encampment of Utah, would report that they have examined the certificates and papers relating thereto, find them in form, and also find that a Warrant for said Grand Encampment was duly issued on the 9th day of February, 1888, and that the Grand Encampment of Utah was duly instituted February 22d, 1888.

We therefore offer the following resolution, and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Officers be approved, and the Charter for the Grand Encampment of Utah be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HEDRICK, FRANCIS M. REA, C. D. ANDERSON,
C. H. DORSETT, WM. R. DUTEMPLE, J. T. CROSETT,
HIRAM HILL, D. A. BUCHER.

Rep. JANES, of Michigan, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of ED. A. STEVENS, Past Grand Representative, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, I. O. O. F., report as follows.

The following are the facts on which this appeal is based: Section 4, Article IV., Constitution of Grand Lodge of Minnesota, provides that "The nomination, election and installation of Grand Officers shall be the last business transacted prior to the final adjournment." "That at the conclusion of the election of Grand Master, and before the election and installation of Grand Lodge officers had been concluded, Past Grand Representative E. A. STEVENS asked unanimous consent to so far reconsider the motion whereby the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, as to permit of the fixing of the salary of the Grand Secretary for the ensuing year, the election of Grand Master not to be affected thereby, and the election to be proceeded with immediately thereafter. The Chair stated that 'if there be no objection, such will be taken as the sense of the Grand Lodge,'" and no objection being heard, on motion of Past Grand Representative STEVENS, the salary of the Grand Secretary was fixed at $1,000. Grand Representative ROBERT STRATTON then "moved that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to the retiring Grand Officers for the faithful discharge of their duties, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to purchase a collar and jewel for the retiring Grand Master." Past Grand Representative E. A. STEVENS "raised the point of order that such action would be illegal, and that the motion cannot be entertained, for the reason that, according to Section 4, Article IV., Grand Lodge Constitution, the last business to be transacted at the regular annual sessions shall be the election and installation of Grand Officers, and that if legal, it would require unanimous consent in order to take action thereon."

"The Grand Master decided that inasmuch as the election and installation of Grand Officers had not been concluded the motion was in order."

"The question then being upon the adoption of the motion, as offered by ROBERT STRATTON, Grand Representative, it was decided in the affirmative."

"E. A. STEVENS, Past Grand Representative, then asked and was granted permission to appeal from the action of this Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as to the legality of its proceedings in the above case."

It also appears from the record that the Grand Lodge also fixed the bonds of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and then resumed the business of nomination and election of Grand Officers.

The ground upon which this appeal is taken seems to be from the action of the Grand Master in entertaining the motion made by Grand Representative STRATTON, in reference to returning thanks to the retiring Grand Officers, and directing the Grand Secretary to purchase a collar and jewel for the retiring Grand Master, and the adoption of such motion by the Grand Lodge, which action, it is claimed, is in conflict with Section 4, Article IV.. of the Grand Lodge Constitution. The only question decided by the Grand Master on the point of order raised by Past Grand Representative STEVENS, was that "inasmuch as the election and installation of Grand Officers had not been concluded, the motion was in order." The Grand Lodge adopted the motion, and from this action Past Grand Representative E. A. STEVENS asked and was granted permission to appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge as to the legality of the proceedings in the case.

After a careful consideration of the matter, your committee are of the opinion that such action of the Grand Lodge, in transacting business other than that stated in Section 4, Article IV., Grand Lodge Constitution, after the Grand Lodge had proceeded to the nomination, election and installation of officers, was not unconstitutional, for the reason that the nomination, election and installation of Grand Officers had not been concluded when such motion was considered and adopted by the Grand Lodge.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of E. A. STEVENS, Past Grand Representative, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, be and the same is hereby dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

O. A. JANES,	M. D. BRAINARD,	WM. W. MORRIS,
WM. H. COMLEY,	J. W. STEBBINS,	R. E. WRIGHT,
J. B. KENNER,	W. L. KUYKENDALL,	J. B. GOODWIN.

Rep. BRAINARD, of the District of Columbia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of W. W. STELL, Past Grand, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas, in the matter of the election of a Representative to the Grand Lodge of that State by Wildey Lodge, No. 21, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following report:

At a regular meeting of Wildey Lodge, No. 21, held on December 6th, 1887, one Representative from said Lodge to the Grand Lodge was to be elected, and Bros. A. CATE, C. MANTON and P. H. ALLEN were candidates for the position.

The balloting resulted as follows:

First ballot—CATE, 12; ALLEN, 8; MANTON, 8; JOHNSON, 1. Second ballot—CATE, 12; ALLEN, 9; MANTON, 8. Third ballot—CATE, 12; ALLEN, 12; MANTON, 4. MANTON was then declared dropped, by the Chair. Fourth ballot—CATE, 14; ALLEN, 13; MANTON, 1. Fifth ballot—CATE, 13; ALLEN, 12; MANTON, 4. Sixth ballot—CATE, 12; ALLEN, 12; MANTON, 4. At this point ALLEN declined to be a candidate any longer. Seventh ballot—CATE, 14; MANTON, 16. MANTON was declared elected, by the Noble Grand.

The Committee on Credentials of the Grand Lodge were unable to agree as to the election of Bro. MANTON, and Bro. STELL submitted a minority report, claiming that Bro. MANTON was not lawfully elected, and that Bro. CATE was elected on the fourth ballot, whereupon the subject-matter of the minority

report of Bro. STELL was referred to a special committee of three for consideration, and said committee reported as follows:

"We, your committee, to whom was referred the minority report of W. W. STELL, Past Grand, from the Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report as follows:

"*First.* We find from the record of the case in the matter of Representative to this Grand Lodge from Wildey Lodge, No. 21, that Bro. C. MANTON did receive a majority of all the votes cast for Representative to this Grand Lodge; that Bro. A. CATE did not receive a majority of all the votes cast, and in this finding we conclude, and here express as our judgment and conclusion, that all blank and scattering votes cast in an election for officers of Subordinate Lodges count as legal votes.

"*Second.* We conclude, that if a Brother be dissatisfied with the action of his Subordinate Lodge, he must then and there give notice of and present his appeal as provided by the laws of the Order, and that a failure to do so is, in effect, a waiver upon his part of any grievance he may have.

"*Third.* Under the laws and facts of this case, we therefore move the following resolution:

"*Be it resolved*, That Bro. C. MANTON be, and he is hereby declared, the duly accredited Representative of Wildey Lodge, No. 21, to this Grand Lodge."

This report was adopted by the Grand Lodge, whereupon, Bro. STELL asked for and obtained permission to appeal to this Grand Body.

Section 9, Article VIII., of the Uniform Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Lodges of the State of Texas, provides as follows:

"Where there is more than one nominee for an office, the election shall be by written ballots, and each candidate shall be voted for separately, and must receive a majority of the votes given, to be elected. Should there be no choice on the first ballot, *the candidate having the smallest number of votes shall be dropped at the next ballot*, and so, on each successive ballot, until an election is had."

Section 934 of the Digest provides: "Where the By-Laws of a Lodge provide that 'on the second ballot the poll shall be between the two candidates who shall have received the highest number of votes on the first ballot,' all the votes cast for other candidates on the second ballot *are void, and must be excluded from the poll.*"

The sections of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution, and of the Digest, above quoted, are conclusive upon the questions presented by this appeal.

Bro. MANTON's name was properly dropped after the third ballot, because he received the smallest number of votes, and the Constitution required that under such circumstances his name should be dropped as a candidate, and thereafter all votes cast for him were void and should have been excluded from the poll. It follows, therefore, that he was not lawfully elected. He received the smallest number of votes on the second ballot, and his name should have been dropped after that ballot.

On the fourth ballot Bro. CATE received 14 votes, Bro. ALLEN 13 votes, and Bro. MANTON 1 vote. The one vote cast for Bro. MANTON on this ballot was void, and should have been excluded from the poll; for being *void*, it was a mere nullity and could not be counted for any purpose. On this ballot but 27 lawful votes were cast, of which Bro. CATE received the majority and was elected. For the reasons stated, we offer the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of W. W. STELL from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Texas in this case be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. KENNER, JOHN B. GOODWIN, WM. W. MORRIS,
WM. H. COMLEY, M. D. BRAINARD, W. L. KUYKENDALL,
J. W. STEBBINS, O. A. JANES.

Rep. COMLEY, of Connecticut, from the same committee,

made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of JOHN T. GIVEN, Past Grand Patriarch, from the action of the Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F., of the District of Columbia, respectfully report that after a careful examination of all the papers submitted to them, they find the following facts:

At the session of the Grand Encampment held July 17th, 1888, a motion was made that a general dispensation be granted to all Subordinate Encampments of the jurisdiction for the period of one year, to admit to full membership and confer all the degrees upon candidates for an aggregate sum of not less than five dollars.

The Constitution of Subordinates provides (Section 2, Article VI.) and fixes the fee to be charged for the degrees at ten dollars, and also provides in the Constitution of Grand Encampment (Section 2, Article XIII) that an amendment to the Subordinate Constitution must be submitted in writing, and if recommended by a two-third vote, lies over one year, and all the Subordinates must be notified before becoming a law.

The Grand Patriarch ruled the motion out of order as being in effect, an amendment of the Constitution, which could be amended only in the manner prescribed therein. From his ruling an appeal was taken, and the Grand Encampment, by a vote of 14 to 25, overruled the decision of the Grand Patriarch. The motion was then put to the Grand Encampment, and 28 voted for and 19 against it. The Grand Patriarch declared the motion lost, as two-thirds had not voted in favor of it. From this decision an appeal was taken, and the decision was not sustained, 16 voting in the affirmative and 27 in the negative. The resolution was then declared adopted. Upon the above facts the following questions arise:

I. Was the resolution granting a dispensation for one year to receive members at a less sum than the constitutional limit, in effect an amendment to the Constitution?

II. If the passage of such a resolution was permissible under the Constitution, could it be done by a majority vote?

Your committee, after careful consideration of the first question, find that the Encampment erred in the adoption of the resolution, said resolution being in effect, an amendment to the Subordinate Constitution, which could not become operative except in the manner prescribed by said Constitution of said Grand Encampment. (*See* Section 2, Article XIII., and Sections 134 and 178, Digest of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.)

In relation to the second question, the Constitution for Subordinate Encampments (Section 2, Article XII.) provides the manner and mode for such amendments, and declares it shall be by a two thirds vote, and therefore a majority vote would be insufficient.

Your committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of JOHN T. GIVEN, Past Grand Patriarch, from the action of the Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F., of the District of Columbia, be and the same is hereby sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. COMLEY,	JNO. B. GOODWIN,	R. E. WRIGHT,
W. L. KUYKENDALL,	O. A. JANES,	WM. W. MORRIS,
J. W. STEBBINS,	M. D. BRAINARD,	J. B. KENNER.

Rep. COMLEY, of Connecticut, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of RICHARD ROWLAND, Past Grand, in behalf of Mrs. ADDIE PRYOR, widow of Bro. EDWIN PRYOR, deceased, from the action of the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan, in sustaining Bay Lodge, No. 104, I. O. O. F., in their refusal to pay benefits due Bro. PRYOR, respectfully report that they have carefully examined the records and statement submitted to them, and find the following facts, and therefore arrive at the subjoined conclusion, to wit:

It appears from the records that no notice of appeal has been given to the Grand Lodge of Michigan in conformity with the laws governing appeal cases, and said committee, therefore, recommend the following:

Resolved, That the appeal be dismissed without prejudice to the appellant.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. COMLEY.	O. A. JANES,	J. W. STEBBINS,
W. L. KUYKENDALL,	J B. KENNER,	M. D. BRAINARD,
WILLIAM W. MORRIS,	R. E. WRIGHT,	JOHN B. GOODWIN.

Rep. JONES, of Maryland, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Printing Supplies respectfully report that an organization was effected by the election of Bro. JOHN M. JONES, Representative of Maryland, Chairman, and Bro. THEO. A. ROSS, Grand Secretary, Secretary.

Two meetings were held during the year—at Baltimore, Md., January 12th; New York, June 27th, 1888.

Bro. JOHN H. WHITE, Grand Sire, was invited to prepare the index to Vol. XII., Journal, and agreed to do the work, which was promptly completed in a manner entirely satisfactory to the committee, and, it is believed, to all interested in the book.

The contract for printing and binding 1,000 copies of Vol. XII., Journal, was awarded to the Gazette Printing House, Columbus, Ohio.

As directed at the last session, the burial service for a Daughter of Rebekah was printed in English and German; a new edition of the Book of Forms, containing the latest ceremonies adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, was ordered, and all new editions of publications in the German language were printed in Roman text.

The Grand Secretary reports less than 80 copies each of Vols. I., II., III., IV., V., VII. of the bound Journals on hand, and your committee recommend that an edition of 250 copies of each of said volumes be ordered.

The contract for printing the Officers' Reports and Revised Journal of session of 1888, was awarded to the John L. Murphy Publishing Company, Trenton, New Jersey; for the Daily Journal, to the Los Angeles Printing Company; for paper for Officers' Reports, Daily and Revised Journals, to Dobler & Mudge, Baltimore, Md.

The secretary of the committee was invested with authority, in case of failure of the proposers to execute the agreements required, to make the best arrangements possible; therefore, when, after some correspondence, he was advised by a letter from Bro. CHARLES E. GAULT, Chairman of Committee on Reception, Los Angeles, dated August 18th, received August 25th, that the Los Angeles Printing Company claimed an extra price for "folding" (while the item was plainly stated in the proposal), the secretary at once telegraphed to the chairman: "Will you guarantee that 'Times-Mirror Company' will print Daily Journal according to proposal dated June 22d? No printing, no meeting." To this a prompt reply was received that "we will guarantee 'Times-Mirror Com-

pany' to print Daily Journal according to proposal. Send agreements for signatures." The requisite papers were accordingly prepared and forwarded.

The Revised Journal of the session of 1887 was completed according to contract; the books being delivered to the Grand Secretary in December and January. The Journal contains 488 pages, and an edition of 18,000 copies was printed at a cost of $3,723.55—about twenty-one cents per copy.

The following supplies were delivered to the Grand Secretary, viz.: 519 Encampment Charge-Books; 50 Patriarchs Militant Tactics; 225 Question-Books; 2,075 Subordinate Lodge Rituals; 259 Rebekah Degree-Books; 779 Rebekah Degree Lodge Rituals; 31,000 Odes; 521 Book of Odes; 1,025 Encampment Book of Odes; 72,000 Visiting and Withdrawal Cards; 5,925 Rebekah Degree Lodge Visiting and Withdrawal Cards; 3,000 Dismissal Certificates; 2,661 Diplomas; 1,012 Book of Forms; 517 Anniversary Ceremonies; 3,558 Funeral Ceremonies; 4,048 Burial Ceremonies for Daughters of Rebekah; 1,000 Bound Journals, Vol. XII.; 515 Digests to 1884.

The following amounts were expended, for which the Grand Secretary made warrants on the Grand Treasurer: Daily Journal of 1887, $1,060.85; Officers' Reports of 1887, $342.22; Revised Journal of 1887, $3,723 55; Books and Charts, $5,437.18; Odes, Cards and Diplomas, $1,710.63; total, $12,274.43.

The Rituals, etc., recently issued, have been bound in the style designated by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and it is believed that no further complaints concerning the binding of the books can or ought to be made.

The Digest of the Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge includes the legislation of 1884. With the enactments of the present session there will be the proceedings of four years to digest, and the matter, if published as a supplement, in the style of former supplements, will, it is supposed, make a book of at least two hundred pages. The expediency of issuing another supplement seems, in the opinion of your committee, questionable, and it is believed that an entirely new Digest will be more acceptable to the Order generally, as it will certainly be more convenient. Many of the laws found in the present Digest have been modified; some entirely repealed, and may, with propriety, be omitted if a new book is prepared. With proper elimination and condensation, it is believed that an entirely new Digest, embracing all the existing laws of the Order, can be prepared, which will not exceed the number of pages in the present publication.

The following are submitted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be authorized to contract for an edition of 250 copies each of Vols. I., II., III., IV., V., VII. of the bound Journals.

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be authorized to employ, at a price to be determined by them, a competent member of the Order to prepare a complete Digest of the existing laws of the Order, to and including the session of 1888, and that when compiled, the work shall be printed and bound, electrotype plates made, and as many copies be issued as the committee may deem necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. M. JONES, GEORGE W. DILKS, WM. H. ISZARD,
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, THEO. A. ROSS.

Rep. BRAINARD, of the District of Columbia, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Past Grand JAMES J. ASHMAN, Jr., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,

have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following report: It appears from the record that Past Grand ASHMAN was charged with "conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow," and was found guilty and expelled from the Order, by Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 89. An appeal was then taken by the Brother, when the Committee on Appeals sustained the appeal and reversed the action of the Lodge, on the ground *that the charge was not sustained by the evidence*, and directed the Lodge to re-instate Bro. ASHMAN to membership. This action of the committee was approved by the Acting Grand Master, whereupon an appeal was taken by the Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, where it was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, and said committee reported as follows: "That they have carefully examined the reasons filed in this case, and fail to find in them any questions of law, irregularity or improper proceedings that would make it proper or legal to consider the same."

Upon consideration of the report of the committee by the Grand Lodge, the reading of the testimony in the case was demanded, and the testimony was read, and thereupon a motion was adopted sustaining the action of Good Samaritan Lodge in expelling Bro. ASHMAN from the Order. From this action Bro. ASHMAN has appealed to this Body, claiming:

1. That the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had no lawful right to overrule the action of its Committee on the State of the Order.
2. That the action of the Grand Lodge is contrary to the evidence in the case.

With reference to the first ground of the appeal, we are of opinion that it is not well taken, and that the Grand Lodge had a right to overrule the conclusions of the committee, if, in the opinion of that Body, those conclusions were erroneous.

The second ground of appeal, that the decision is contrary to the evidence, and therefore unjust, necessarily requires that the evidence in the case should be carefully re-examined by this committee, in order to determine whether or not the case has been fairly and justly decided, and this we are unable to do at this time, because the testimony taken at the trial has not been included in the record before us.

We therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That final action on the appeal of Past Grand JAMES J. ASHMAN, Jr., be postponed until the next session of this Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is hereby required to transmit to this Body all of the testimony taken in this case, or a transcript thereof, for further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. BRAINARD,	WM. W. MORRIS,	O. A. JANES,
R. E. WRIGHT,	JOHN B. GOODWIN,	W. L. KUYKENDALL,
WM. H. COMLEY,	J. W. STEBBINS,	J. B. KENNER.

Rep. WRIGHT, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

In the matter of the appeal of EMILE WELTE, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, your Committee on Appeals makes the following report:

At the session of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F., held in the city of Winnipeg, on August 9th, 1888, there came up for action an amendment to the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges of that jurisdiction. The question being upon the adoption of the amendment, Reps. WELTE and BENSON called for the vote on the proposed amendment to be taken by Lodges. HARPER

WILSON, Past Grand, arose to a point of order to the effect that under the provisions of Article VIII. of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, every member of the Grand Lodge had a right to vote on the proposed amendment. The Grand Master declared the point to be well taken, and that the call of Reps. WELTE and BENSON was out of order. The amendment was then adopted, an appeal from the decision of the Chair to the Grand Lodge having first been taken, and the decision sustained. From this action of the Grand Lodge Rep. WELTE appeals.

It is apparent, from the record, that in proceeding as they did, the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge assumed that Article VIII. of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, gave to every member of the Grand Lodge the absolute right to a vote on the amendment then pending, and that if a vote by Lodges had been ordered (in which vote, of course, only Representatives could take part), members of the Grand Lodge, not Representatives, would be deprived of this right.

Article VIII. of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba reads as follows: "Every member of this Grand Lodge shall have power to make or second, and to speak upon any and all motions and resolutions that may properly come before the Grand Lodge; shall be entitled to vote for Grand Officers, and upon every proposed amendment to this Constitution; and shall also be entitled to vote upon all other motions and resolutions before the Grand Lodge, unless a vote by Lodges is called for by two Representatives, in which case none but Representatives shall vote, and the yeas and nays shall be recorded."

Of course, the words "this Constitution" mean the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and therefore the absolute right to vote given to members of the Grand Lodge, other than Representatives, is confined to the two instances of the election of Grand Officers and amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. Their right to vote on all other motions and resolutions, only exists where a vote by Lodges is not called for by two Representatives.

The case now under consideration arose on a proposal to amend the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, and not of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

From this it follows that the appeal must be sustained, and your committee respectfully submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of Past Grand EMILE WELTE be sustained, and the Grand Lodge of Manitoba be directed to proceed in the premises as indicated in the foregoing report.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. WRIGHT, J. W. STEBBINS, WM. W. MORRIS,
WILLIAM H. COMLEY, O. A. JANES, M. D. BRAINARD,
JOHN B. GOODWIN, W. L. KUYKENDALL, J. B. KENNER.

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals respectfully report:

In the appeal of JAMES J. COOPER, of No. 731, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, it appears that "At the annual session of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, held May 15th, 1888, the following, among other proceedings, were had, viz.: *Resolved*, That it is the judgment of this Grand Lodge, that under Article I., Section 3, of the Constitution, all its committees can only be appointed from the Past Grand Masters and Representatives, and Grand Masters are hereby directed to conform thereto in making such appointments hereafter.

"The Grand Master ruled the resolution to be not in order, 'for the reason that its design and scope appear to be to abridge the privilege and authority of the Grand Master, and the rights, duties and privileges conferred upon Past Grands who are members of this Body.' Past Grand Master GWINNER appealed from the ruling of the Chair upon the following ground, viz.: The Grand Master having ruled my motion, construing Article I., Section 3, of the Constitution, out of order, I appeal from the decision of the Chair, for the reason that this Body has full power to, at any time, construe the intent and meaning of any law adopted by it.

"Rep. KENSIL, of No. 325, moved that the appeal of Past Grand Master GWINNER be ordered to lie upon the table. The motion was adopted," subject to the revision of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The power to construe its own laws is vested in the Grand Lodge of each jurisdiction. It is, therefore, the opinion of your committee, that the Grand Master erred in ruling out of order and refusing to submit to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for its action, the resolution offered. To that extent, and without considering the correctness of the proposition contained in the resolution, it is recommended that the appeal of J. J. COOPER be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. W. MORRIS,	R. E. WRIGHT,	J. W. STEBBINS,
JOHN B. GOODWIN,	J. B. KENNER,	O. A. JANES,
M. D. BRAINARD,	W. H. COMLEY,	W. L. KUYKENDALL.

Rep. WRIGHT, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

In the matter of the appeal of HARPER WILSON, Past Grand, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, held at Winnipeg, August 8th, 1888, your Committee on Appeals submit the following conclusions:

Clauses 9 and 10 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, provide as follows: *Clause* 9. "Every Lodge shall elect by ballot, from among its Past Grands in good standing, a Representative or Representatives to the Grand Lodge." *Clause* 10. "Any Lodge not having a properly-qualified Past Grand, may choose one so qualified from any other Lodge within the jurisdiction, to represent it in this Grand Lodge for a like period."

Turtle Mountain Lodge, No. 15, while having a duly-qualified Past Grand in the person of W. C. HUNTER, nevertheless elected as its Representative H. J. RAYMER, P. G., of Manitoba Lodge, No. 1. Against objection, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba admitted him as the Representative of Turtle Mountain Lodge to the Grand Lodge. From this action Past Grand HARPER WILSON appeals.

Under the constitutional provisions referred to, two things are clearly provided, to wit: *First.* That Representatives of Lodges to the Grand Lodge are to be chosen from among the Past Grands of the Lodge in good standing. *Second.* The only provision for selecting any other than a Past Grand of the Lodge, is when the Lodge has no Past Grand properly qualified to act as such. The words "properly qualified," in the opinion of this committee, mean *legally qualified*, and it being conceded that there was such a Past Grand in the Lodge, the condition of affairs under which the Lodge can be permitted to choose a Representative from outside of the Lodge, did not exist. We respectfully submit that the appeal should be sustained and the action of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba reversed.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. WRIGHT,	J. W. STEBBINS,	O. A. JANES,
M. D. BRAINARD,	W. W. MORRIS,	W. L. KUYKENDALL,
WM. H. COMLEY,	J. B. GOODWIN,	J. B. KENNER.

Rep. GOODWIN, of Georgia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals have had under consideration the appeal of THOMAS POLE, Past Grand, in behalf of JOHN MCVAY, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and present the following: Charges containing three specifications, were submitted in Roxiticus Lodge, No. 98, of New Jersey, against JOHN MCVAY, a member of said Lodge, on which he was tried and expelled. From this action, Bro. MCVAY appealed to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, on the several grounds therein set forth. The Judiciary Committee, to whom the case was referred, reported in favor of sustaining the appeal, but the Grand Lodge of New Jersey amended the report by ordering that the case be "referred back to the Lodge for a new trial." From this action, the appeal is prosecuted to the Sovereign Grand Lodge by THOMAS POLE, Past Grand, for Bro. MCVAY.

A proper disposition of the case here does not involve a careful weighing and determination of the merits of the case as between Bro. MCVAY and the Lodge of which he is a member, and it is only necessary to refer to the fact that a new trial was awarded to Bro. MCVAY, and the case is, therefore, still pending in his Subordinate Lodge, and when there again tried and determined, he may, or may not, feel that he has cause of grievance against the Lodge. If then dissatisfied, he can be heard through the regular channels.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of THOMAS POLE, Past Grand, in behalf of JOHN MCVAY, against the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. GOODWIN,	WM. H. COMLEY,	M. D. BRAINARD,
O. A. JANES,	J. W. STEBBINS,	W. L. KUYKENDALL,
R. E. WRIGHT,	WM. W. MORRIS,	J. B. KENNER.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of CHARLES B. R. COLLEDGE, Past Grand Master, from the action of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, respectfully report

The following are the facts as disclosed in the Appeal-Book:

At the meeting of Beacon Lodge, No. 15, June 25th, 1888, there were three candidates in nomination for Representative to the Grand Lodge. The Lodge, by the local law, was entitled to but two. Before the balloting took place, the Noble Grand stated that as there were three in nomination, and only two could be elected, each member should place two names on his ballot. There were fifteen members present. Fourteen ballots containing two names each, were reported by the tellers, and two, each having but a single name—one Brother declaring he voted separately for each candidate on two separate pieces of paper, and had a right to do so. Of the votes so cast, Past Grand CRAWSHAW received 14; Past Grand BAIN, 8; and Past Grand Master COLLEDGE, 8; making 30 votes, 2 for each member present. Objection was made that there were but fifteen members present and there had been sixteen ballots cast, and therefore the ballot was void. The Noble Grand declared Bro. CRAWSHAW duly and legally elected. From this decision an appeal was taken, and the Noble Grand

was sustained. Notice of appeal was then given. The balloting then proceeded, and on the second ballot Past Grand BAIN received 7 votes and Past Grand Master COLLEDGE 5. Bro. BAIN was declared duly elected. No appeal was taken from this last action. The only question brought up on the appeal relates to the legality of Bro. CRAWSHAW's election. All the law of the jurisdiction relating to, or bearing upon the question, is contained in the following:

GRAND LODGE CONSTITUTION, "Article III., Section 1.—Each Subordinate Lodge shall be entitled to one Representative for every twenty-five members, or fraction thereof, owing less than one year's dues at the date of election.

"Section 2. Representatives shall be elected by ballot by each Subordinate Lodge, at its last regular meeting in June of each year, and shall be termed 'Representatives to the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the District of Columbia.'

"Section 7. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge, to certify to this Grand Lodge the names of the Representatives elected by such Lodge, which certificate shall be transmitted prior to the annual session."

CONSTITUTION FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES, "Article V., Section 1.—* * * The Lodge shall also elect one Representative to the Grand Lodge for every twenty-five members, or fraction thereof, owing less than one year's dues at the date of election, who shall be elected at the last regular meeting in June of each year, whose term of service shall be for one year, and shall commence with the first meeting of the Grand Lodge succeeding the annual session. The election shall be by ballot, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to effect a choice. Blank votes, or votes cast for a Brother not in nomination, do not form a part of the poll, and cannot be counted."

BY-LAWS OF BEACON LODGE, No. 15, I. O. O. F., "Article III., Section 3.—* * * The tellers shall then proceed to canvass the poll, and announce the result to the Noble Grand. Should it appear, when canvassing, that there are ballots enfolded in each other, such ballots shall be destroyed, and a canvass taken on the rest, without reference to those destroyed, unless the ballots and voters correspond in number. Or should there be more ballots than voters, the balloting shall be void, and a new one entered into."

There does not appear to be any law of the jurisdiction conferring any power upon the Noble Grand to decide how the balloting shall be done. All but one of the members seem to have acquiesced in the direction he gave, that two names should be placed upon one piece of paper. In the absence of any law of the jurisdiction defining how the ballot shall be taken, where there are more candidates than Representatives to be elected, it is the undoubted right, and the Lodge has the power, to determine the manner of voting, and where it has so determined, any vote cast in a different form, would be illegal. In this instance the Lodge had not so determined. The Noble Grand had given direction as to the manner, in which direction one Brother did not concur, and voted for the two candidates on separate pieces of paper. The Grand Lodge went behind the returns and examined the whole question, to ascertain whether there was any fraud, from which investigation it appears that none was committed, that each member present did in fact vote for two different candidates, and that there were no more votes cast than there were members present entitled to vote. While, therefore, the vote of the Brother who put the names on separate pieces of paper was, under the circumstances, irregular, it cannot be said to be illegal, or fraudulent, and worked no injustice to anyone, and the Grand Lodge erred in holding otherwise. We therefore submit the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of CHARLES B. R. COLLEDGE from the action of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STEBBINS, R. E. WRIGHT, J. B. GOODWIN,
J. B. KENNER, W. W. MORRIS, O. A. JANES,
W. L. KUYKENDALL, M. D. BRAINARD, WM. H. COMLEY.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, from the same committee,

made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Newark Lodge, No. 8, against the action of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, respectfully report that the following are the facts:

At the annual session of the Grand Lodge in 1886, a previously-submitted amended Grand Lodge Constitution, and also an amended Uniform Constitution for Subordinates, were adopted, the Grand Master deciding, upon inquiry, that the Uniform Constitution for Subordinates would go into effect on the 1st day of January, 1887. That Constitution provided, Section 1, Article III., that the elective officers shall serve one year, and, in accordance with that provision, Newark Lodge elected, and, in January, 1887, the officers were installed into office for one year, the Treasurer giving his bond for that period. The amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge is silent on the subject as to the length of terms of Subordinates, or the length of time the officers-elect of a Subordinate Lodge shall serve. The former Constitution of the Grand Lodge provides that "the terms of Subordinate Lodges shall consist of twenty-six regular sessions, to be held weekly, to commence at the first stated meetings in July and January." Article VII., Section 1, of Uniform Constitution further provides that "the regular annual terms shall commence on the first stated meeting in January of each year."

On being appealed to, the Grand Master held that the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge could not go into effect until it had been approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge; that the amended Constitution of Subordinates was in direct conflict with the old Constitution of the Grand Lodge; that the officers of Newark Lodge, though elected and installed for one year, were not entitled to receive the Pass Word for the term commencing July 1st, and that the Lodge must proceed to the election of new officers before it was entitled to receive that Pass Word, and ordered it to so proceed. This the Lodge did under protest, and appealed to the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge sustained the Grand Master, and dismissed the appeal. From that action the Lodge appeals to this Grand Body.

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge in force was, as held by the Grand Master and Grand Lodge, the old Constitution of 1873; the new one not having been approved by this Grand Body. The Constitution of 1873 is silent as to the tenure of office, or term of service of Lodge officers. It simply fixes the "terms of Subordinate Lodges," as established by this Grand Body, as above quoted.

Your committee fail to discover any conflict between the Grand Lodge Constitution of 1873, and the Constitution of Subordinates adopted in 1886. The one relates solely to the length of the *terms* of Subordinate Lodges, while the other relates solely to the length of *time* the officers of the Lodges shall serve in their respective offices. Under the Constitution of 1873, the Lodges had for years had the term of office of two of the elective officers fixed by the Constitution of Subordinates at one year, to wit, that of Permanent Secretary and Treasurer, thus clearly recognizing the distinction which so palpably exists between the terms of the Subordinate Lodge and the tenure of office of the officers of the Lodge. It is further stated that there is a conflict between Section 1 of Article VII. of the Subordinate Constitution, and the above clause (Section 1, Article III.) of the Grand Lodge Constitution. In this your committee are of the opinion that the Grand Master and Grand Lodge were in error. Section 1 of Article VII. refers to and is a guide to the Lodge in carrying out the requirements of Section 4 of Article X. of the Grand Lodge Constitution. It has no reference to Section 3 of Article X., which defines the *terms* of Subordinates, but to the *annual* term, when the annual report is to be made, as

required by the last-named section. While ordinarily, the *terms* of Subordinate Lodges and the tenure of office of Subordinate Lodge officers may, for convenience, run parallel with each other, covering the same period of time, yet there is no such necessary connection between them as places them in conflict where they do not. There being no other grounds upon which the ruling of the Grand Master and action of the Grand Lodge are placed, your committee are of the opinion that they are in error in holding that there was a conflict between the Grand Lodge Constitution of 1873 and the amended Constitution of Subordinates, and offer the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of Newark Lodge, No. 8, be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STEBBINS, W. L. KUYKENDALL, W. W. MORRIS,
J. B. GOODWIN, O. A. JANES, M. D. BRAINARD,
R. E. WRIGHT, J. B. KENNER, W. H. COMLEY,

Rep. GOODWIN, of Georgia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of GEORGE PASCOE, from the action of the Grand Encampment of Montana, in the matter of the election of Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, present the following report:

This case involves the question of the legality of the election and the eligibility of WILLDEN PINKHAM, Grand Representative elect, and is somewhat in the nature of a contest, as the appellant, GEORGE PASCOE, was a candidate for Grand Representative at the time of the election of WILLDEN PINKHAM.

The grounds taken in the appeal are in substance as follows: That said PINKHAM had served but twelve nights as Noble Grand, and was not entitled to the rank and honor of Past Grand, or to membership in the Grand Lodge of Montana. That at the time of the election of said PINKHAM as Noble Grand, there was present in the Lodge, a Past Grand who "did not decline to accept the office of Noble Grand." Also, that five of the votes cast in said election for Grand Representative were by members acting as such, but who had no right to seats or votes therein, by reason of the suspension or failure to make returns of the Subordinate Encampments of which they were members.

With respect to these grounds we conclude as follows: The objection to the votes of the five members above referred to, is not well taken, for the reason that the Grand Encampment of Montana, at the same session that the election for Grand Representative occurred, treated the Encampments of which they were members, as in good standing with said Grand Encampment. Besides, there is no evidence presented as to how, or for whom, said members voted in said election and no allegation that they voted for Bro. PINKHAM. The objection that Bro. PINKHAM had served but twelve nights as Noble Grand is not well taken, as his election thereto did not take place until after the expiration of seven meeting-nights of the term, and was for the remainder of said term, and was also by virtue of a dispensation issued by the Grand Master, authorizing his election. The exception apparently most relied upon by the appellant, is in connection with an alleged irregularity in the election of said PINKHAM as Noble Grand, from the floor, by virtue of the dispensation aforesaid. With regard to this, we hold that Bro. PINKHAM'S election as Noble Grand was legal and certainly not subject to attack collaterally, as attempted by the appellant in this case. In view of the legal presumptions in favor of the regularity of official acts and proceedings, that the Lodge had applied for and obtained a dispensation authorizing the election, and no objection having been made, or

question raised as to the application, or election, a clear case should be made before the election should be declared illegal and its effects nullified. No such case is made even if a qualified Past Grand "did not decline," etc. On the contrary, silence on his part and that of the Lodge, would more properly be construed as acquiescence in and approval of the choice made, under the history and circumstances of the case.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the said appeal of GEORGE PASCOE from the action of the Grand Encampment of Montana be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. GOODWIN, J. W. STEBBINS, WM. W. MORRIS,
M. D. BRAINARD, O. A. JANES, J. B. KENNER,
W. L. KUYKENDALL, R. E. WRIGHT, W. H. COMLEY.

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals report:

In the appeal of SAMUEL F. GWINNER, Past Grand Master, Past Grand Representative, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, it appears that JOSEPH M. CARLTON, a member of Mountain Home Lodge, No. 684, appealed from the action of the said Lodge in declining to pay him sick benefits.

The report of the Committee on Appeals for Benefits in Pennsylvania states: "This is a claim for weekly benefits from July 2d, 1887, to September 28th, 1887, which the Lodge declined to pay, for the reason that, as the Brother stated at the time of his admission, that he was not suffering from any disease, and in a claim for pension he admitted that he was suffering from epilepsy, since the war, and that he would not be entitled to benefits for such sickness. From the evidence, it appears that Bro. CARLTON is drawing a pension from the United States Government for the same disease contracted in the army during the late war, for which he now claims benefits, and the Lodge has produced a certified copy from the Pension Office of the Government, showing by the Brother's own affidavit, made in his claim for pension, that such is the truth; and further shows that the Brother was admitted to the Lodge in 1868, and making the affidavit in his pension claim was evidence enough to show that he knew at the time of his admission that he was suffering from such disease." The Committee on Appeals for Benefits ordered "that the appeal be dismissed, and the action of the Lodge be sustained, for the reason that the Brother's own evidence in the pension case shows that he was suffering from the disease while in the army."

This action was approved by the Acting Grand Master, and Bro. CARLTON appealed to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. In that Grand Body, "the Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. JOSEPH M. CARLTON, a member of Mountain Home Lodge, No. 684, I. O. O. F., from the decision of the Committee on Appeals for Benefits in the matter of his appeal from the decision of that Lodge, respectfully report that they have carefully examined the reasons given by the Brother in this case, and fail to find any question of law or irregularity or improper proceedings in the Appeal Committee which would make it proper or legal to consider the same." The report of the committee was adopted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, from which action Past Grand Master GWINNER appeals.

After careful consideration of the questions presented by the appeal, we are of the opinion that the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was justified by the facts of the case, and that the findings of the Committee on Appeals

and the Committee on the State of the Order were correct, and that no error in the conclusions of law was committed. It is therefore recommended that the appeal of SAMUEL F. GWINNER be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. W. MORRIS,	J. W. STEBBINS,	JNO. B. GOODWIN,
M. D. BRAINARD,	O. A. JANES,	R. E. WRIGHT,
W. H. COMLEY,	J. B. KENNER,	W. L. KUYKENDALL.

Rep. GIBSON, of Texas, moved that the Grand Lodge adjourn until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, which was adopted.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Sire declared the Grand Lodge adjourned.

TUESDAY, September 18th, 1888—9 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

JOHN H. WHITE.....Grand Sire.
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD.....Deputy Grand Sire.
THEO. A. ROSS.....Grand Secretary.
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD.....Grand Treasurer.
ALLEN JENCKES.....Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....Grand Chaplain.
JOHN H. ALBIN.....Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
WALTER G. DYE.....Grand Guardian.
W. H. FRAZIER.....Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.
E. D. FARNSWORTH.....California.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Marshal, by order, examined the Representatives, and declared them duly qualified.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, Grand Chaplain.

The Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the Grand Sire, declared the Grand Lodge open for business.

Rep. CARLIN, of Illinois, moved that the reading of the Journal of yesterday be dispensed with, which was adopted.

Rep. RUBY, of Maryland, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the certificate of MONTIE B. GWINN, Past Grand Master, from the Grand Encampment of Idaho, and also the certificate of ALEXANDER ROGERS, Grand Patriarch, from the Grand Encampment of Utah, and find them each in regular form, signed by the proper officers of each jurisdiction, with the seal attached, and recommend that they be accredited as Representatives from each respective jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. RUBY, J. H. FORNEY, A. H. TUCKER,
D. A. SMITH.

Lieutenant-General UNDERWOOD submitted his annual report as follows:

PATRIARCHS MILITANT, I. O. O. F., ARMY HEADQUARTERS.
Covington, Ky., September 1st, 1888.

To the Grand Sire, Officers and Grand Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.:

GENTLEMEN AND BRETHREN—I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following report of the general condition of Patriarchs Militant on April 26th, 1888, with financial statements to September 1st, 1888; to transmit a copy of the enactments of the Military Council, session July 24th and 25th, 1888, and to recommend certain amendments and additions to the laws regulating the degree.

The Militant movement has continued to advance steadily throughout the great number of Departments in the United States and Canada, and the enthusiasm of the military element in the Order continues unabated; in testimony of the truth whereof I call attention to the fact that the 462 Cantons reported last year have been increased by the addition of 53 new bodies, through growth, or as original organizations, and decreased by the loss of 4 Components, leaving thereby a net gain of 49 Component Cantons, and making a grand total of 511 Cantons to date. There is a total membership of 17,482 Chevaliers, estimated on the basis of 495 Cantons under Warrant on April 26th, 1888 (three-fourths reporting, and one-fourth taken from reports of 1887), added to the Warrant membership of 16 Cantons organized since that date, being an increase of 2,223 Chevaliers over the membership reported on September 1st, 1887. By making proper allowance for increases not reported at the anniversary muster, and for the growth of the whole since April 26th last, the membership can be safely estimated in round numbers at 20,000 Chevaliers on September 1st, 1888, which, with few exceptions, are fully officered and uniformed. (*See* table and notes, Addendum A.)

Of such membership there are known to be 2,336 commissioned officers, leaving 17,664 Chevaliers as the estimated file of the army, and making a ratio percentage of over seven and one-half Chevaliers to one officer.

The United States Army Register reports 12,625 infantry, non-commissioned officers and privates, and commissioned officers of the same arm of the service in command, 877, and detached on special duty 587, making the total infantry officers 1,464; a ratio of eight enlisted men to one commissioned officer—about the same relative showing for dismounted men as given above for Patriarchs Militant.

From information received throughout nearly all of the jurisdictions of the Order, Patriarchs Militant Departments in the United States and Canada, it is evident that the Patriarchs Militant Degree has materially assisted the advancement of the Lodges and Encampments in localities where it has been successfully worked; and as evidence thereof, attention is called to the number (2,341) reported as having joined Lodges and Encampments, and the number (2,531) that have advanced in the Order to obtain the Militant Degree. Such numbers are by far too small, for a majority of the clerks have failed to furnish information in relation thereto; and in all probability there are from 4,000 to 5,000 Chevaliers who are entitled to be so classified, and the direct revenue of Lodges and Encampments, superinduced thereby, can be safely placed at over one hundred thousand dollars. (*See* Addendum B.)

The value of the military outfit of the Chevaliers comprising the First Canton of Patriarchs Militant, at the inception of the movement on September 24th, 1885, was $2,500 00; of the 356 Cantons on September 1st, 1886, was $376,324.29; of the 462 Cantons on September 1st, 1887, was $526,871.77; and of the 511 Cantons on September 1st, 1888, estimated on an imperfect basis, is $668,834.12, which amount would, in all probability, be three-quarters of a million dollars had sufficient data been received from every Canton; as it is, the Militant outfit has nearly doubled in value during the past two years, the annual increase of the investment for that period being about $150,000.00. (*See* Addenda A and B.)

From data furnished by the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, it is discovered that the membership of both Lodges and Encampments has increased greatly and generally during the past years. The increase in the Lodges in the United States and Canada, except British Columbia, was 637 members, and the loss to Encampments two members during the year 1885; in thirty-nine States, Territories and Provinces of the same countries, P. M. Departments, the increase in Lodges was 12,581 members, and in Encampments 3,527 members, during the year 1886; and in forty-five departments of similar construction the increase in Lodges was 25,356 members, and in Encampments 4,044 members during the year 1887. These facts, together with statements from various sources ascribing the growth of the Order largely to Patriarchs Militant influences, induce the belief that a goodly portion of the increase referred to has been brought about by the activity of the Patriarchs Militant branch. (*See* Addendum A, and letters from Grand Officers of several important jurisdictions, Addendum D.)

Moneys, Property and Resources.

Third Annual Balance Sheet, September 1st, 1887, to September 1st, 1888.

The total receipts and expenditures, less twelve hundred and seventy-eight dollars and thirty cents ($1,278.30), proceeds of note in bank and entered on both pages of cash account, deducted to obtain actual revenue and expenditures, were as follows:

RECEIPTS.

For Engrossing	$67 10
" Warrants	1,020 00
" Commissions, N. C. Warrants and Canton Tax	7,639 90
" Seals	407 00
" Tactics	688 65
" Supplies	861 82
" Sundries	678 27
Total	$11,362 74

EXPENDITURES.

For Visitations	$464 61
" Salaries	5,748 45
" One-half Warrant Fees paid the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge	510 00
" Printing	700 00
" Supplies	2,044 00
" Postage	340 96
" Sundries (rent, jewels, office stationery, gas, coal, telegrams, tubes, etc.)	1,526 79
Total	$11,334 81

Thereby showing a cash balance on hand of $27.93, which amount is on deposit to the credit of the Lieutenant-General in the Farmers' and Traders' National Bank, Covington, Ky.

Total Moneys, etc., Received from September 27th, 1885, to September 1st, 1888.

From First Annual Balance Sheet, September 27th, 1885, to September 10th, 1886, inclusive	$10,488 78
" Sundry Sources, for Engrossing, etc., November 16th, 1885, to December 20th, 1886, as detailed in manuscript statement furnished	488 27
" Sundry Sources, for Stationery, Insignia, etc., Spring of 1886, to September 1st, 1886, inclusive, as detailed in manuscript statement furnished	81 30
" Second Annual Balance Sheet, September 10th, 1886, to September 1st, 1887, less balance brought forward September 10th, 1886	10,012 33
" Third Annual Balance Sheet, September 1st, 1887, to September 1st, 1888 less balance brought forward September 1st, 1887	11,013 54
	$32,084 22

Total Expenditures, etc., from September 27th, 1885, to September 1st, 1888.

From First Annual Balance Sheet, September 27th, 1885, to September 10th, 1886, inclusive	$10,261 98
For Engrossing, etc., from November 16th, 1885, to December 20th, 1886	488 27
" Stationery, Insignia, etc., Spring of 1886, to September 6th, 1886	80 05
From Second Annual Balance Sheet, September 10th, 1886, to September 1st, 1887	9,889 93
Third Annual Balance Sheet, September 1st, 1887, to September 1st, 1888	11,334 81
	$32,055 04
Balance	29 18
	$32,084 22

DETAIL OF CASH BALANCES ON HAND.

Cash in bank to credit of the Lieutenant-General, September 1st, 1888	$27 93
Amount due to credit of Canton Paris, Tex., Insignia account	1 25
	$29 18

General Inventory of Supplies.

SUPPLIES FOR SALE.

296	Tactics	$296 00
29	Rosters and Registers of Cantons	58 00
13	Commandants' Money Order Books	16 25
11	Accountants' Receipt Books	13 75
102	Roll Calls	51 00
2,000	Blanks, S-1, Application for Active Membership	60 00
2,000	Blanks, S-2, Application for Honorary Membership	60 00
3,000	Blanks, S-3, Certificates of Honorable Discharge	300 00
1,500	Pamphlets, S-4, Organic Regulation and By-Laws	150 00
		$1,005 00

SUPPLIES FOR CONSUMPTION.

1,000	Letter heads	$5 00
1,500	Large envelopes	6 75
500	Small envelopes	1 65
	Various blanks for reports	70 00
	Various forms	40 00
750	Canton Warrants	60 00
500	Commissions	25 00
500	Officers' Warrants	20 00
200	Postal cards	2 00
	Postage stamps	15 00
1,200	Tubes	6 90
1,000	Large linen envelopes	10 00
50	Organizations (blue books)	25 00
2,000	Manilla envelopes	2 50
		$289 80

JEWELS.

Awarded as prizes. Statement in revised report.

OFFICE ASSETS.

	Items reported in detail, p. 9; L. G. report, 1887	$552 95
1	Cyclostyle	15 00
12	Bound volumes, J. of P. (received from Sovereign Grand Lodge)	18 00
1	Bound White's Digest (received from Sovereign Grand Lodge)	2 50
	Office folios, nine large, at $20	180 00
	Office folios, six small, at $2	12 00
		$780 45

RECAPITULATION.

Supplies for sale	$1,005 00
Supplies for consumption	289 80
Office assets	780 45
	$2,075 25

STATEMENT OF AMOUNTS DUE P. M. FUND BY CHEVALIERS AND ORGANIZATIONS, P. M.

For Canton tax	$1,172 00
" Commissions and N. C. Warrants, issued and collectible	809 75
" Supplies ordered and delivered—seals, $81.00; stationery, $76.72; tactics, $81.80; books, $30.00	269 52
Total	$2,251 27

ESTIMATED REVENUE, 1888-89.

To be derived from Cantons, and from fees for Field and Staff Commissions, etc	$12,500 00

AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND ASSETS, 1888-89.

Cash balance in bank, August 31st, 1888	$27 93
Amounts due and collectible for Commissions and Supplies	2,251 27
Estimated amount to be derived from Canton Tax and Commissions to issue, etc	12,500 00
Value of supplies for sale, on hand	1,005 00
Total	$15,784 20

UNAVAILABLE ASSETS.

Supplies for consumption	$289 80
Office assets	780 45
Total	$1,070 25

TOTAL RESOURCES AND ASSETS.

Available resources and assets	$15,784 20
Unavailable resources and assets	1,070 25
Total	$16,854 45

Liabilities.

SUNDRY BILLS OUTSTANDING.

An unaudited account of Cohen & Co., for sundries, comprising printing supplies, stationery, etc., in which book supplies are estimated, but, under contract, carried by the publishers until sold	$2,000 00
" unaudited account of Pettibone Mfg. Co., embracing amounts charged for banners, flags, uniforms and equipments on hand, the largest part of which is collectible only on certain conditions	1,300 00
Percentage of receipts due Commanders	1,200 00
An unaudited account of Duhme & Co	220 00
" " " " The Strobridge Lithograph Co	55 00
Aggregate	$4,775 00

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1888-89.

Visitations	$500 00	
Salaries	6,000 00	
Half-Warrant fees to Sovereign Grand Lodge	300 00	
Printing and supplies	2,000 00	
Percentage of receipts of Commanders	1,300 00	
Postage	300 00	
Sundries	500 00	
Aggregate		$10,900 00
Total		$15,675 00

FINANCIAL COMPARISON FOR 1888–89.

Available resources, estimated revenue and assets	$15,784 20
Liabilities and estimated expenses	15,675 00
Excess of estimated receipts over estimated expenditures on a maximum basis	$109 20

The following detailed balance-sheet, received from the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, will be understood from inspection:

Sovereign Grand Lodge—Patriarchs Militant.

RECEIVABLE.

1885–6.	Cash for	Half-Warrant fees	$1,815 00
"	"	Rituals exchanged	31 50
"	"	" sold officers, etc	51 50
"	"	P. M. Tactics	93 00
"	"	" Organizations	115 30
1886–7.	"	Half-Warrant fees	1,005 00
"	"	Rituals exchanged	53 00
"	"	" sold officers, etc	98 00
"	"	P. M. Tactics	33 00
"	"	" Organizations	12 00
1887–8.	"	Half-Warrant fees	500 00
"	"	Rituals exchanged	18 50
"	"	" sold officers, etc	65 50
"	"	P. M. Tactics	22 00
"	"	" Organizations	3 00
			$3,916 30

Cash balance, net profit to S. G. L.	$1,624 12
Add costs of Rituals on hand	16 00
" " Tactics "	36 80
" " Organizations on hand	156 00
Total	$1,832 92

PAYABLE.

1885–6.	Cost of	Rituals, 1st edition	$327 66
"	"	" 2d "	339 85
"	"	Organizations	255 00
"	"	Tactics	80 00
"	"	Postage, ribbons and tubes	259 04
"	"	Negatives, printing and binding Secret Work	172 25
"	"	Proclamations and Warrants	280 00
"	"	Cohen & Co, sundry accounts	154 13
1886–7.	"	Tactics	40 00
"	"	Postage, ribbons and tubes	90 25
1887–8.	"	Tactics	40 00
"	"	Postage, ribbons and tubes	253 60
"	"	Office incidentals	40
		Balance	1,624 12
			$3,916 30

Which amount ($1,832.92) to the credit of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, without that Grand Body having incurred any liability whatsoever, is truly gratifying.

The detailed classification of the Patriarchs Militant receipts and expenditures, reported by Grand Secretary Ross, shows that during the year 1885–6, he received $2,106.30, and expended $1,867.93, leaving a profit, for the year, of $238.37; during the year 1886–7, he received $1,201.00, and expended $130.25, leaving a profit, for the year, of $1,070.75; and during the year 1887–8, he received $609.00, and expended $294.00, leaving a profit, for the year, of $315.00. The aggregate of the yearly profits, $238.37, $1,070.75 and $315.00, is $1,624.12, which, with cost of supplies on hand, $208.80, makes the total $1,832 92, and is proof of his statement above.

Action of the Military Council.

(See Report of the High Commission)

Direct Recommendations by the Commander.

That appropriate legislation be enacted reducing the age at which persons can be initiated into the Independent Order of Odd Fellows to eighteen years, by and with the consent of parent or guardian. Such legislation will place the Odd Fellows on a better footing, and by that means secure a greater number of the young men of the country, who will not wait until they are twenty-one to join secret societies.

During the provisional period, and even upon the elective basis, I sanctioned the organization of double battalion regiments in a few Departments. I find that they are out of proportion to the great number of regimental organizations, and I think it will be better to bring all within strict provisions of law, which provides for the formation of three battalion regiments. The few and necessary changes that will have to be made in the re-assignment of battalions, in order to, as far as possible, equalize the regimental commands, can be made without affecting the rank of officers at present in commission. I therefore recommend that such regiments be re-organized, where thought desirable by the Commander P. M.

That in consequence of the delay of Commanders of Departments in assigning Cantons newly mustered to battalions and regiments, the law providing for the assignment of such newly-mustered organizations should be modified to the extent that where assignments are not made promptly, the Commander P. M. shall assign the new Cantons to battalions and regiments; and, further, that where newly-mustered Cantons are assigned to battalions and regiments by Commanders of Departments, that such assignments must be approved by the Commander P. M., who, for satisfactory reasons, shall also have power to reassign such Cantons.

By action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge (session 1887), the Chiefs of the various Staff Corps of the Army were promoted to be Major-Generals. In consequence thereof, it is recommended that the Commander P. M. shall be authorized to appoint assistants to the Chiefs of each of the Staff Corps of the Army with rank of Brigadier.

In the payment of the percentage of the Canton tax to the Commander of a Department, that the tax due from the Cantons within the Department shall be first deducted from the percentage, and the receipts for the same turned over to the Commander of the Department as part of the percentage, and be collectible by that officer.

In the payment of the percentage of the Canton tax to the Commanders of Divisions and Army Corps, fees due for commissions of the General and Staff shall be deducted therefrom, and receipts furnished, which shall be collectible by the respective Commanders.

That percentages due Commanders of Departments, Divisions and Army Corps shall be paid annually on the 26th of October, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

That the Commander P. M. be authorized to re-organize, grade and commission the higher officers of the Army in keeping with the foregoing, and as he may determine upon, being governed by the organization of the best armies in the world—the same to be without cost to individuals.

That for sanitary reasons, during summer months, Cantons and battalions may wear solar India helmets, made of cork, covered with white linen, which, if desired, may be ornamented with purple hair pompons for Chevaliers and scarlet hair pompons for officers, and white duck trousers.

Proposition.

From the success of the Patriarchs Militant movement, and from the manner in which the same has been accepted and approved by the people generally, the Commander P. M. believes that a considerable sum of money can, by legitimate means, be obtained for the permanent endowment of the Sovereign Grand Lodge; and entertaining that view, proposes to raise the sum of $25,000.00, or more, as a nucleus for such purpose; and if the proposition is sanctioned by the Sovereign Body, will proceed within the Order, and through those friendly thereto, to obtain funds for the object mentioned, obligating himself, that the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be to no expense other than for postage and the services of a secretary, which he guarantees shall not exceed $1,500.00 per annum, and be paid out of moneys raised, the Sovereign Grand Lodge simply advancing the monthly amounts for such postage and clerical assistance, and the Commander P. M. guaranteeing the refunding thereof, even should he have to deduct the same out of his salary.

Decisions.

The only decisions thought necessary to report are as follows:

I. That a member of a Canton, a Patriarch of an Encampment in a jurisdiction foreign to that comprising the Department in which the Canton is located, can be required by the Commandant of his Canton to satisfy him (the Commandant) as to his good standing in an Encampment of the Order, and shall, on demand, exhibit a card from his Encampment, or a certificate from the Scribe thereof, setting forth such fact.

II. A Chevalier visiting a Canton, without the Department wherein is located the Canton in which he holds membership, and consequently not able to communicate the "Department Check," may be admitted on the order of the Commandant on satisfactory evidence of his membership; and the Commandant, for that purpose, may require his Encampment card to be exhibited as evidence of his good standing in a live Encampment, I. O. O. F.

Competitive Drills.

There have been two competitive drills: the Continental Competitive Drill, at Denver, Colorado, September 21st and 22d, 1887, and the Inter-Department Competitive Drill, at Cincinnati, Ohio, July 24th to 27th, 1888, and full details of the same will be reported in manuscript, and all appear in the revised report of the Commander P. M.

Decoration of Chivalry.

The Grand Decoration of Chivalry was conferred upon Past Grand Sire JAMES B. NICHOLSON, at Denver, and upon the Grand Sire and thirty-five Grand Representatives and P. M. Officers, and the Decoration of Chivalry upon six Chevaliers and two ladies, Daughters of Rebekah, at Cincinnati.

The Grand Decoration and Decoration will be conferred at other places, and at Los Angeles, during the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and a detailed report of the whole will be embraced in the revised report of the Commander P. M.

Introduction of the Movement in South Australia and Mexico.

Upon application, the initial steps for the introduction of the Patriarchs Militant Degree in South Australia and Mexico have been taken, and, with that view, Grand Patriarch ALFRED LEANE has been obligated in writing, inducted into the degree, and commissioned as Lieutenant-Colonel and Special Aid de-Camp for South Australia, and the Ritual and Secret Work, organization, etc., forwarded to him; and Past Grand Representative W. J. DE GRESS, formerly of Chile, has, upon solicitation, with the promise of introducing the Order in Mexico, been tendered appointment as Lieutenant-Colonel and Special Aid-de-Camp for Mexico, and upon the acceptance of such position, he will be obligated in writing, inducted into the degree, commissioned, and furnished necessary authority for the introduction of the degree in that country.

Visitations.

During the year I have made many visitations throughout all sections of the whole country; have received a hearty welcome everywhere; found the Militant Branch generally successful, and being worked to great advantage to Lodges and Encampments.

The Addenda, hereunto annexed, are made part and parcel of this report, which, though to a slight degree imperfect, will be revised and printed in proper form when complete data have been received.

The revised report will contain detailed statistics of Cantons in all Departments. Respectfully submitted,

Truly and chivalrously your obedient servant,

JNO. C. UNDERWOOD,
Lieutenant General.

[ADDENDUM A.]

COMPARATIVE TABLES *Exhibiting the Growth of Patriarchs Militant, and Increases and Decreases in Membership in Lodges and Encampments,* ***I. O. O. F.,*** *in the United States and Canada.*

	Except British Columbia. Sept. 24th 1885.	In States, Territories and Provinces—P. M. Departments. Sept. 1st, 1886.	In States, Territories and Provinces—P. M. Departments. Sept. 1st, 1887.	In States, Territories and Provinces—P. M. Departments. Sept. 1st, 1888.
Departments of Patriarchs Militant	1	39	45	46
Increase in Departments	.....	38	6	1
Cantons of Patriarchs Militant	1	356	462	511
Increase in Cantons	.....	355	106	49
Chevaliers, Members of Cantons	30	11,400	*15,259	17,482
Increase in Chevaliers	.....	11,370	3,859	2,223
Value of Military Outfit	$2,500 00	$376,324 29	$526,871 77	$668,834 12
Increase in Military Outfit	....	$373,824 29	$150,547 48	$141,962 35

[ADDENDUM A—Continued.]

	Except British Columbia. Dec. 31st, 1884.	Except British Columbia. Dec. 31st, 1885.	In States, Territories and Provinces—P. M. Departm'ts. Dec. 31st, 1886.	In States, Territories and Provinces—P. M. Departm'ts. Dec. 31st, 1887.
Increase in Lodge Membership over that on December 31st of preceding year.....	9,646	637	12,581	25,356
Increase in Encampment Membership over that on Dec. 31st of preceding year	3,227	.....	3,527	4,044
Decrease in Encampment Membership from that on Dec. 31st of preceding year	.....	2	.....	.....

*Returns of 1887, differing from returns of 1888, 184 Chevaliers.

REMARKS.—All clearly indicating the beneficial results derived from the establishment of the Militant Branch, which, from the beginning, has been self-sustaining, and has returned a direct revenue to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. The immeasurable good it has been to the Order, and the hundreds of thousands of dollars it has indirectly brought to the coffers of Lodges, Encampments and Subordinate Grand Bodies, can be conceived and properly estimated only by examining the detailed reports on file.

During the "Militant" year one Department (New Mexico) and fifty-three Component Cantons were added, two Grand Cantons were reduced (loss two Components) and two Warrants were arrested and reclaimed—a total loss of four Component Cantons—thereby making the net gain for the year forty-nine Cantons.

Initial steps looking to the formation of Cantons have been reported as having been taken at fourteen places. One Grand Canton (two Components) and four Cantons (six Components in all) have expressed a desire to surrender their Warrants, but they have not yet been reclaimed, and it is expected that some of the Bodies will be resuscitated. There are five or six other Cantons in an unorganized condition, and as a resultant therefrom, and from those desiring to surrender, it is probable that an additional loss of six, eight or ten Cantons may, in the near future, have to be added to the four definitely reported, and deducted in the preparation of the preceding table. By estimating eight as the number, and deducting from those reported as holding Warrants (511—8=503), there remains a magnificent army of 503 Cantons, a decided and very healthy growth on the number reported the previous year, while the loss (known and estimated as probable) is insignificant.

The membership of 17,432 Chevaliers is that of 495 Cantons on April 26th, 1888, (three quarters reporting and one quarter taken from the reports of 1887.) added to the Warrant membership of sixteen Cantons organized since that date. By allowing the same ratio of increase in the membership of Cantons not reporting on April 26th last, as shown by those reporting on that date, and by estimating the growth of the whole 511 from April 26th to September 1st, 1888, on a basis obtained by equalizing the rate of general increase, the entire membership on the latter date can be securely placed at 20,000 Chevaliers. The returns show that of the reported membership 2,341 joined Lodges and Encampments, and 2,531 advanced in the Order to obtain the "Militant" Degree, which numbers are entirely too small, for a majority of the clerks have failed to furnish information in relation thereto. In all probability there are from 4,000 to 5,000 Chevaliers who are entitled to be so classified, and the direct revenue of Lodges and Encampments, superinduced by such desire, can, as a minimum, be safely estimated at over $100.000.00.

The total value of the military outfit, reported on a known basis, is $668,-834.12; and had the data furnished been full in every particular, such amount would undoubtedly have been three quarters of a million dollars. The Militant outfit has nearly doubled in value during the past two years, the annual increase of the investment being in round numbers $150,000.00.

The above record of facts is submitted without comment.

[ADDENDUM B.]

STATISTICAL TABLE *of Membership and*

Reference number.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT.	Number of Cantons.	Warrant members of new Cantons.	Corrected membership April 26th, 1887.	SINCE LAST REPORT.						
					Chevaliers made.	Gross aggregate.	Resigned.	Discharged.	Dismissed.	Died.	Aggregate loss.
1	Alabama	1	.....	28	.....	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	Arizona	1	.....	27	9	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	California	24	98	750	51	899	1	10	60	7	78
4	Colorado	9	17	240	54	311	.....	9	15	1	25
5	Columbia	4	.....	88	11	99	.....	1	.....	.....	1
6	Connecticut	20	.....	784	107	891	5	6	26	2	39
7	Dakota	9	.....	206	23	229	.....	.....	8	.....	8
8	Delaware	1	.....	35	13	48	.....	1	6	1	8
9	Georgia	3	.....	80	16	96	.....	2	8	.....	10
10	Illinois	37	134	967	81	1,182	3	6	32	3	44
11	Indiana	27	51	760	57	868	4	3	23	7	37
12	Iowa	20	82	465	10	557	1	.....	.....	.....	1
13	Kansas	12	53	220	46	319	6	.....	.....	.....	6
14	Kentucky	14	50	447	48	545	2	12	5	4	23
15	Louisiana	1	.....	35	7	42	1	.....	.....	.....	1
16	Maine	23	46	957	120	1,123	2	11	1	4	18
17	Manitoba	1	.....	31	.....	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18	Maryland	2	.....	67	7	74	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
19	Massachusetts	57	237	2,295	186	2,718	42	55	28	11	136
20	Michigan	28	73	674	61	808	1	.....	11	4	16
21	Minnesota	8	20	183	5	208	1	.....	.....	1	2
22	Missouri	17	23	442	48	513	7	8	18	5	38
23	Montana	6	44	86	20	150	.....	1	.....	1	2
24	Nebraska	5	79	88	25	192	.....	.....	6	.....	6
25	Nevada	2	.....	45	.....	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26	N. Brunswick	1	.....	19	.....	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
27	N. Hampshire	14	78	503	70	651	4	10	9	4	27
28	New Jersey	8	.....	234	16	250	.....	8	12	3	23
29	New Mexico	1	18	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
30	New York	28	33	894	160	1,087	15	5	52	7	79
31	North Carolina	1	.....	25	3	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
32	Ohio	58	167	1,611	165	1,943	31	39	55	8	133
33	Ontario	11	28	329	48	405	1	.....	.....	3	4
34	Oregon	1	.....	26	8	34	1	7	.....	.....	8
35	Pennsylvania	21	42	590	61	693	8	9	22	5	44
36	Quebec	1	.....	45	7	52	7	.....	.....	.....	7
37	Rhode Island	9	.....	366	.....	366	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
38	Tennessee	1	.....	27	13	40	....	.....	.....	1	1
39	Texas	3	.....	72	10	82	2	.....	4	.....	6
40	Utah	1	.....	28	12	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
41	Vermont	6	106	91	15	212	.....	1	.....	1	2
42	Virginia	2	.....	59	.....	59	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
43	Wash. Ter	1	.....	25	5	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
44	West Virginia	4	73	22	10	105	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
45	Wisconsin	4	60	58	.....	118	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
46	Wyoming	3	.....	51	22	73	1	1	.....	.....	2
	Total	511	1,612	15,075	1,630	18,317	146	205	401	83	835

[ADDENDUM B.]

other data of Cantons, April 26th, 1888.

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP.			TO OBTAIN DEG.		COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.					ANNU'L MUSTER.	
Active.	Honorary.	Total.	Joined Lodge or Encamp. ment.	Advanced in the Order.	General.	Field.	Staff.	Canton.	Warrant.	Present at.	Absent from.
28	.....	28	.....	.....	...	.....	2	3	3	.....	.....
36	.....	36	2	2	...	.....	1	3	3	17	19
809	12	821	106	106	3	10	21	65	64	203	191
286	.....	286	103	103	2	4	10	27	12	116	120
96	2	98	.....	.....	...	2	15	11	2	76	22
715	137	852	29	51	2	10	41	54	53	400	371
220	1	221	32	32	...	5	10	27	26	87	49
25	15	40	25	25	...	.....	2	5	3	25	15
83	3	86	10	15	...	1	6	9	12	49	38
1,068	70	1,138	109	109	2	14	24	116	101	278	152
754	77	831	132	142	1	13	24	81	65	323	161
534	22	556	16	16	1	1	6	61	51	51	15
302	10	313	41	41	...	5	16	33	30	74	35
499	23	522	195	195	5	10	13	39	32	292	114
32	9	41	20	20	...	.....	1	3	3	24	8
1,023	82	1,105	161	161	3	10	53	69	61	265	410
31	.....	31	.....	.....	...	.....	1	3	2	.....	.....
57	17	74	8	8	...	2	3	6	7	52	7
2,472	110	2,582	190	190	7	29	97	145	94	853	1,141
767	25	792	169	185	2	9	18	87	78	252	146
197	9	206	3	6	1	2	9	24	21	39	8
435	40	475	49	96	2	6	22	48	44	213	145
144	4	148	20	39	...	4	13	17	20	81	14
185	1	186	25	25	...	1	7	15	12	61	9
45	.....	45	.....	.....	...	1	.....	6	6	.....	.....
19	.....	19	.....	.....	...	.....	1	3	3	.....	.....
581	43	624	363	363	2	10	26	38	26	240	227
211	16	227	35	42	2	4	12	24	24	88	67
18	.....	18	.....	.....	...	.....	1	3	3	18	.....
912	96	1,008	75	82	2	10	63	78	81	407	91
28	.....	28	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	3	3	.....	.....
1,677	133	1,810	249	267	6	21	54	156	145	728	484
337	64	401	36	36	...	8	22	33	30	117	42
20	6	26	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	3	2	10	16
630	19	649	38	48	3	5	15	54	54	232	143
24	21	45	5	5	...	.....	4	3	3	22	23
335	31	366	33	33	...	4	1	27	21	.....	.....
27	12	39	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
73	3	76	3	3	...	1	1	9	9	32	29
36	4	40	1	4	...	.....	1	3	3	25	15
182	28	210	45	67	...	4	3	9	8	82	101
51	8	59	.....	.....	...	1	3	6	6	.....	.....
28	2	30	.....	.....	...	.....	2	3	1	19	11
104	1	105	4	6	...	.....	3	12	12	.....	.....
110	8	118	.....	.....	...	.....	1	12	10	.....	.....
71	.....	71	8	8	...	3	7	9	9	46	25
16,318	1,164	17,482	2,341	2,531	46	210	635	1,445	1,258	5,897	4,464

[ADDENDUM B.]

STATISTICAL TABLE *of Membership and*

Reference number.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT.	UNIFORMS.				ARMS.	
		Dress, new.	Dress, old.	Fatigue, new.	Fatigue, old.	Swords, new.	Swords, old.
1	Alabama	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	Arizona	4	.....	.....	.....	20	.....
3	California	304	301	142	126	255	366
4	Colorado	125	127	111	124	141	128
5	Columbia	82	.....	82	.....	72	10
6	Connecticut	386	209	295	126	398	209
7	Dakota	80	31	90	39	116	39
8	Delaware	16	5	16	.....	16	5
9	Georgia	27	50	1	.....	27	50
10	Illinois	245	268	285	301	315	287
11	Indiana	323	117	207	68	350	131
12	Iowa	130	105	102	95	98	137
13	Kansas	136	31	80	31	140	31
14	Kentucky	212	99	275	73	310	97
15	Louisiana	28	.....	28	.....	28	.....
16	Maine	591	180	401	70	593	182
17	Manitoba	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18	Maryland	55	.....	56	1	56	1
19	Massachusetts	1,420	761	963	477	1,407	788
20	Michigan	423	218	336	209	376	264
21	Minnesota	94	28	20	28	94	34
22	Missouri	251	85	190	26	237	102
23	Montana	90	42	56	31	97	42
24	Nebraska	130	18	122	.....	130	18
25	Nevada	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26	New Brunswick	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
27	New Hampshire	290	266	198	237	290	267
28	New Jersey	164	41	66	33	117	92
29	New Mexico	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
30	New York	456	301	282	234	449	339
31	North Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
32	Ohio	856	537	457	394	777	625
33	Ontario	158	103	49	126	134	127
34	Oregon	3	20	.....	20	3	20
35	Pennsylvania	383	72	249	22	385	94
36	Quebec	24	.....	.....	.....	21	3
37	Rhode Island	95	116	64	58	74	96
38	Tennessee	27	.....	27	.....	27	.....
39	Texas	38	31	15	31	20	49
40	Utah	21	.....	.....	10	21	.....
41	Vermont	84	97	29	26	62	92
42	Virginia	36	15	36	15	.....	51
43	Washington Territory	29	1	29	1	29	1
44	West Virginia	95	.....	83	.....	105	.....
45	Wisconsin	98	12	98	12	98	12
46	Wyoming	29	41	6	41	29	41
	Total	8,038	4,328	5,546	3,085	7,917	4,831

[ADDENDUM B.]

other data of Cantons, April 26th, 1888.

EQUIPMENTS.							
Banners.	Flags.	Guidons.	Drums.	Cost of uniforms and arms.	Cost of banners, flags, etc.	Cost of Warrants, Commissions, general supplies, etc.	Cost of aggregate investment.
.....	.....	.....	.....	$840 00	.....	.....	$840 00
.....	.....	.....	.....	1,440 00	.....	$73 05	1,513 05
8	1	.....	.....	33,587 30	$1,125 00	1,382 50	36,094 80
3	1	.....	.....	10,253 00	850 00	529 40	11,632 40
4	4	.....	.....	4,868 00	613 00	112 45	5,593 45
6	.....	.....	1	20,872 25	1,136 75	1,251 06	29,260 06
5	.....	.....	.....	7,889 80	485 00	546 14	8,920 94
1	.....	.....	.....	815 00	75 00	55 62	945 62
2	.....	.....	.....	2,548 85	300 00	202 50	3,051 35
6	3	.....	1	36,741 30	3,427 00	1,682 00	41,850 30
8	.....	2	.....	26,944 35	865 00	1,231 52	29,040 87
5	.....	.....	.....	18,369 20	595 00	625 60	19,589 80
1	.....	.....	.....	14,844 00	540 00	593 60	15,977 60
3	.....	.....	.....	16,380 00	1,110 00	836 60	18,326 60
.....	.....	.....	.....	1,232 00	.....	69 87	1,301 87
2	.....	.....	.....	33,821 50	898 48	1,306 82	36,026 80
.....	.....	.....	.....	300 00	.....	29 50	329 50
1	.....	.....	.....	2,000 00	350 00	138 57	2,488 57
1	.....	2	.....	98,705 45	1,583 00	3,119 76	103,408 21
5	.....	.....	.....	29,340 75	355 00	1,394 47	31,090 22
3	.....	.....	.....	8,000 00	292 50	426 18	8,718 68
.....	.....	.....	.....	17,729 00	590 00	819 75	19,138 75
1	.....	.....	.....	5,714 86	346 01	355 40	6,416 27
1	.....	.....	.....	7,787 00	75 00	261 52	8,123 52
.....	.....	.....	.....	1,800 00	.....	102 70	1,902 70
.....	.....	.....	.....	760 00	.....	46 60	806 60
6	2	.....	.....	22,874 40	951 00	1,000 93	24,826 33
.....	.....	.....	.....	9,762 16	300 00	468 35	10,530 51
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 50	35 50
17	.....	.....	.....	32,514 50	2,155 50	1,583 81	36,253 81
.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000 00	.....	.....	1,000 00
2	.....	.....	.....	63,303 22	2,137 00	3,101 89	68,542 11
5	.....	.....	.....	14,677 50	575 00	679 97	15,932 47
.....	.....	.....	.....	750 00	.....	54 00	804 00
4	1	.....	.....	22,879 75	1,490 78	1,079 75	25,450 28
1	.....	.....	.....	1,900 00	50 00	61 25	2,011 25
1	.....	.....	.....	11,295 00	75 00	447 09	11,817 09
.....	.....	.....	.....	985 50	.....	62 00	1,047 50
.....	.....	.....	.....	2,745 00	.....	128 45	2,873 45
1	.....	.....	.....	1,600 00	15 00	58 45	1,673 45
3	1	.....	.....	6,893 00	345 00	302 94	7,540 94
1	1	.....	.....	2,670 00	150 00	96 00	2,916 00
.....	.....	.....	.....	1,340 00	.....	60 00	1,400 00
.....	.....	.....	.....	3,866 00	100 00	205 90	4,171 90
.....	.....	.....	.....	4,116 80	.....	90 05	4,206 85
.....	.....	.....	.....	2,907 40	341 00	163 75	3,412 15
107	14	4	2	$617,663 84	$24,297 02	$26,873 26	$668,834 12

[ADDENDUM C.] **ARMY OF PATRIARCHS MILITANT—HEADQUARTERS, COVINGTON, KY.**

Grand Sire John H. White, Commander-in-Chief, ex-officio. Lieut.-General Jno. C. Underwood, Active Commander.

NAMES OF COMMANDERS AND HEADQUARTERS						BRIG. FORMATION BY SUB-ORGANIZATIONS		CHEVALIERS.			
	CORPS		DIV.	BRIG				Hon.	Act.	Brig	Div.	Corps.
Major-General, Chas. A. Cushman Headquarters, Somerville, Mass.	1st.	Major-General, O. B. Whitten. Headquarters, Portland, Maine	North.	1st.	Brig H M. Sprague, Lewiston, Maine.	1st R., Maine.	2d R., Maine. C. No. 1, N B.	82	1042	1124		
				2d.	Brig. H. A Farrington, Manchester, N. H.	1st R., N. H. 1st B., Ver.	1st Sep. B , N. H. C. No. 1, Quebec.	92	787	879	2003	
		Major-General, E. B Palmer. Headquarters, Boston, Mass.	East.	1st.	Brig. A. W. Larkin, Lynn, Mass	1st R., Mass. 5th R., Mass.	4th R., Mass. 1st Sep. B., Mass.	36	1767	1803		
				2d.	Brig. E. A. Wood, Worcester. Mass.	2d R., Mass. 1st R., R. I.	3d R , Mass.	105	1040	1145		
				3d.	Brig. Chas. B. Foster, New Haven, Conn.	1st R., Conn.	2d R., Conn.	137	715	852	3800	5803
Major-General, Jas. B. Nicholson. Headquarters, Philadelphia, Pa.	2d.	Major-General, J. P. S. Gobin. Headquarters, Lebanon, Pa.	Atlantic.	1st.	Brig. J. O Woodward, Albany, N. Y.	1st R., N. Y.	2d R., N. Y.	96	912	1008		
					Brig. Geo. N. Nutt, Trenton, N. J.	1st R., Pa. Chesapeake R.	1st R., N. J.	77	1098	1175		
				2d.	Detached Command: Col. P. J. Slatter, Toronto, Ontario.	1st R., Ontario.	C. No. 1, Manitoba.	64	368	432	2615	
		Major-General, John G. Reeves. Headquarters. Lancaster, Ohio.	Ohio.	1st.	Brig Jas D. Bell, Mansfield. Ohio.	1st R , Ohio. 1st Sep B., Ohio.	2d R , Ohio.	80	919	999		
				2d.	Brig. J. W. Green, Toledo. Ohio.	3d R , Ohio. 2d Sep. B., Ohio.	4th R., Ohio.	53	758	811		
				3d.	Brig. A. S. Milice, Warsaw, Ind.	1st R., Ind.	2d R., Ind.	77	754	831		
				4th.	Brig. T. J. Atkins, Paducah, Ky.	1st R., Ky. 1st B., Georgia. C. No. 1, Ala.	1st Sep. B , Ky. 1st B., W. V. C. No. 1, Tenn.	39	741	780	3421	6036
Major-General, E F. Phelps. Headquarters, Galesburg, Ill.	3d.	Major-General, Harrison Soule. Headquarters, Ann Arbor, Mich.	Lakes.	1st.	Brig. Alfred Orendorff, Springfield, Ill.	1st R., Ill. 3d R , Ill.	2d R., Ill. 1st Sep. B., Ill.	70	1068	1138		
				2d.	Brig. O. A. Janes, Hillsdale, Mich.	1st R , Mich. 1st Sep. B , Mich.	2d R., Mich. 1st B., Wis.	33	877	910		
				3d.	Brig. Ed. A. Stevens, Minneapolis, Minn.	1st R., Iowa. 1st R., Dak. 1st B , Neb.	1st R., Minn. 1st R , Montana 1st B., Wyoming.	37	1351	1388	3436	
			G. D. Miss.		Brig. E Wilkerson, St. Louis, Mo.	1st R., Mo. 1st R., Kans. 1st B , Texas. C. No. 1, N. Mex.	1st Sep B., Mo. C. No. 1, La. 1st R., Col.	62	1147	1209	1209	4645
			G. D. Pacific.		Brig. E. K. Russell, Oakland, Cal.	1st R., Cal. C. No. 20, Cal. 1st B., Nev. C. No. 1, Arizona.	2d R., Cal. C. No. 1. Utah. 1st Sep. B., Pacific.	24	974	998	998	898
								1164	16318	17482	17482	17482

Total reported strength of the Army April 26th, 1888—1,164 Honorary Chevaliers; 16,318 Active Chevaliers; aggregate. 17,482 Swords; estimated strength September 1st. 1888, 20,000 Swords.

[ADDENDUM D.]

LETTERS AND REFERENCES *thereto from Grand Officers of Many Jurisdictions in Regard to the Advantage of the P. M. Degree to Lodges and Encampments therein:*

The great advantage derived by Lodges and Encampments from the Militant movement in the jurisdictions of Massachusetts, Ohio and Kentucky, was expressed in detail in the Commander's revised report of 1887, and the favorable facts then reported have been greatly increased since.

The subjoined letters are among the great number received from sections of the country, giving countenance to, and expressing favorable opinions of the Militant movement, and the advantages derived by the Order from the establishment of the degree. They represent the status of the movement in Departments scattered over the entire continent, and by analogy, a general feeling in relation to the advantages derived from the Patriarchs Militant throughout the general country.

Sioux Falls, Dak., May 10th, 1888.

Lieutenant-General John C. Underwood, Covington, Ky.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Yours of the 8th inst., asking for information in regard to the advantages derived by the Order in this jurisdiction from the Patriarchs Militant, is received. I have observed that the advantage derived in the different localities where Cantons have been organized, has been in ratio to the interest manifested by the members in their respective Cantons. Where the Chevaliers have uniformed and have good officers, the best results have been obtained, and in some instances the advance has been quite marked. Fully sixty per cent. of the increase in membership in the Encampment Branch has been through the influence of the Patriarchs Militant movement, and it has been the means of putting new life into some of our Encampments.

Yours fraternally,
T. A. ROBINSON, *Grand Patriarch.*

Leavenworth, Kan., August 15th, 1888.

General John C. Underwood:

DEAR SIR AND CHEVALIER—It is with exceeding great pleasure that I state that the "Order" in Kansas has never been in a more prosperous condition than for the two past years, and the outlook for the future is equally encouraging. Much of this prosperity is due to the influence of the Patriarchs Militant.

Yours truly and fraternally,
SAMUEL F. BURDETT, *Grand Scribe.*

Denver, Col., August 22d, 1888.

General John C. Underwood, Covington, Ky.:

MY DEAR GENERAL—I have been absent from the city, hence my delay in answering your favor of the 8th inst.

In reply will say that there can be no doubt that the Patriarchs Militant have been of great advantage to the Order in this jurisdiction, especially during the past year. Fully twenty-five per cent. of the increase in the State (400), can be traced directly to that branch of the Order, and the future is teeming with bright prospects.

Trusting to see you in the "City of the Angels,"

I am respectfully yours,
J. M. NORMAN, *Grand Scribe.*

Trenton, N. J., August 11th, 1888.

John C. Underwood, Lieutenant-General:

MY DEAR GENERAL—Yours of the 8th inst. received. I am satisfied that the Order in New Jersey is greatly indebted to the Patriarchs Militant. An interest has been awakened, among the younger members especially, which

reaches their friends and associates, and impels them to exert their influence to bring good material into the Brotherhood. I know of many instances where first-class young men have been induced to unite with the Order solely from a desire to enroll themselves in the Army. From this cause your ranks are filling, and the entire Body is enlarging and becoming stronger and better.

Fraternally yours,

LEWIS PARKER, *Grand Scribe.*

Savannah, Ga., August 11th, 1888.

Lieutenant-General John C. Underwood, Commanding Patriarchs Militant, Covington, Ky.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Acknowledging your inquiry as to the advantage the Military Degree has proven to the Order in this jurisdiction, I regret that I am unable to give you the definite answer you request.

I know of some who have entered the Order to reach the Canton, and more who have advanced for the same purpose. I have every reason to believe that the Canton has been doing good work at Augusta recently, but have no detailed report. Athens is looking toward a Canton, and their Encampment has grown considerably in the last six months.

Twenty-two of our Lodges are in six cities, all of which have Encampments; three of them Cantons. The remaining Lodges are in smaller places, none of them able to support three branches of the same Order, some of them not more than one.

A great drawback to the usefulness of the degree in this State is the requirement of Royal Purple Degree membership. Many young men who would be pleased to hold membership in the Canton, do not feel able to support membership in two other Bodies to secure it. If the Scarlet Degree was the qualification for a Chevalier, the Patriarchs Militant would blossom as the rose; a regiment could be organized in Georgia.

As it is, the Odd Fellows' Soldiers have done us some good, and will do more in the future, but it will fall far short of what might be under the condition suggested.

Wishing the Chevaliers all the success their hearts can ask, and believing that they will prove a very material benefit to Odd Fellowship,

I am yours truly and fraternally,

DAVID PORTER, *Grand Master.*

Lewiston, Me., August 13th, 1888.

Lieutenant-General John C. Underwood:

MY DEAR SIR AND GENERAL—I have made quite an effort to get for you the information desired, earlier, but have been unable to do so, for the reason that the returns from some of the Encampments in this jurisdiction were not in. But all have now been received, and in looking them over, and comparing them with those of the last four or five years, I find that our initiations have increased about twenty-five per cent. during the year just passed. A large part of this increase, I feel, should be credited to the Patriarchs Militant for the impetus it has given the Encampment Branch.

I have personal knowledge of the fact that in several of the Encampments, where the larger gains have been made, that the interest was awakened in those who applied for membership, by the creditable displays made by the military branch of our Order.

Therefore, I can truly say to you that your efforts in organizing twenty or more Cantons in our State will prove to be of great and permanent good to our Order generally. I also feel that every Odd Fellow who has the future interests of our noble Order at heart, will give you and the Patriarchs Militant his most cordial support.

Trusting that you will be able to give such a display of the military branch in Los Angeles, in September next, as will be satisfactory to yourself, and

thereby prove pleasing to all who participate in it, as well as to those who shall witness it, I remain fraternally yours,

L. P. WOODBURY, *Grand Patriarch.*

Philadelphia, Pa., August 14th, 1888.

General John C. Underwood:

DEAR GENERAL—Replying to circular letter of the 8th inst.:

In Pennsylvania, there was but little or no interest felt in the matter of uniform for parade or display purposes, and it was with the utmost exertion that six Uniformed Camps were instituted, and when the Patriarchs Militant were organized there were not only apathy and indifference, but a prejudiced opposition to overcome, yet there are now nineteen Cantons mustered in, with others in prospect. They are about to be formed into two regiments and brigaded. Grand Patriarch LEVERGOOD, in his annual report, May, 1888, mentions a visit to Carbon Encampment, at Mauch Chunk, and found but six members of the Encampment present, after due notice had been given. Yet, twenty-one members of Canton Fountain, No. 6, came for miles, at their own expense, to meet the Grand Patriarch and pay their respects. A number of Scarlet Degree members, at West Chester, were about petitioning for a Canton, and were surprised to learn that they must first become Royal Purple Degree members, so they went to work and had an Encampment instituted in the place, and are now looking forward to the establishment of a Canton. To the public demonstrations in Schuylkill county, on the 26th of April, are attributed the movements that have recently led to the institution of a new Lodge at Shenandoah, with 400 petitioners, and one at Mahanoy City, with 300 petitioners, and to the revival of a defunct Encampment, at Schuylkill Haven, with over fifty members.

Many young men are now about being initiated into the Order, so that they may join a Canton about to be formed in the northwestern section of Philadelphia. Trusting that these few facts from a section that is not easily moved, may be of interest,

I remain fraternally yours,

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.

Lansing, Mich., August 15th, 1888.

John C. Underwood, Lieutenant-General Patriarchs Militant, I. O. O. F.:

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—In reply to yours, I beg to submit the following statistics relating to the Order in Michigan, and showing its increase each year since January 1st, 1885:

Increase, Grand Lodge, during year ending December 31st, 1885, 41; December 31st, 1886, 78; December 31st, 1887, 1,111; during six months ending June 30th, 1888, 684.

Increase, Grand Encampment, during year ending December 31st, 1885, 21; December 31st, 1886, 39; December 31st, 1887, 235; during six months ending June 30th, 1888, 112.

The last item for six months is the work of only 257 Subordinate Lodges out of a total of 380, and from 36 Subordinate Encampments out of a total of 99, being, as you will observe, about two-thirds of a full report from the Lodges, and one-third of a full report from the Encampments in the jurisdiction.

Upon a careful review of these facts stated, and searching for a cause for this unprecedented growth, I am forced to the conclusion that the only and all-powerful cause lies in the organization of the military branch of the Order, thus opening to the young and active members an attractive feature they have long demanded. They are crowding the portals of our Subordinates, and advancing to the position of Chevaliers as rapidly as our laws will permit. All are pleased with it, and agree that it will add to our forces that element we have long desired, most need, and must have.

I am rejoiced at the very favorable outlook in the Peninsular State, and send greeting to you and your faithful co-laborers the glad tidings herewith inclosed. With high regard, I am

Truly and fraternally yours,

E. H. WHITNEY.

Bradford, Vermont, August 16th, 1888.

John C. Underwood, Lieutenant-General:

My Dear General—As regards the progress of Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction in relation to the Militant movement, I am convinced there has been a steady, healthy growth, and all branches of the Order have increased thereby. The ratio of increase am unable to give, but from four Cantons in 1886 there has developed material for a full regiment, and thus the Encampments throughout the State have made visible gains. By the impetus thus given to the Lodges under the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge, the Order in the State has increased largely and generally. * * *

Faithfully and fraternally,

J. H. JONES,

Grand Patriarch, Grand Encampment of Vermont.

Warsaw, Ind., August 18th, 1888.

My Dear General—Yours of late date, asking me to give you a statement with regard to the Militant in my jurisdiction, is received, and in compliance with that request I am happy to say that it is the opinion, not only of the members of the Canton, but of all enthusiastic Odd Fellows, that the continued increase in membership throughout this jurisdiction is due to the Militant, as it seems to have filled a want long needed to catch our young men, and the increase in our Encampments is of that class which proves it. The desire of Young America for pomp and display, is what is filling our Lodge halls with the young and best element of our land, because they are best blooded and enthusiastic in everything, and I trust the day is not far distant when the Sovereign Grand Lodge will allow Odd Fellows to be made at the age of eighteen years. The reports so far, show an increase of one thousand members within the past year. It is a fact, too, that the great increase comes from localities where we already have Cantons mustered.

My dear General, I have endeavored to give you a few facts which you can refer to in your report if necessary. Pardon pencil. With kind regards, esteem and respect, I remain

Yours fraternally,

A. S. MILICE, *Grand Patriarch.*

Fairmont, W. Va., August 30th, 1888.

Hon. J. C. Underwood, Lieutenant-General Commanding P. M., I. O. O. F., Covington, Ky.:

Dear General—Upon my return from a trip North, I found your communication making inquiry as to percentage of increase of Subordinate Lodges, caused by the formation of Cantons P. M. in their respective localities. I immediately set about to ascertain this, and from information just to hand will say that seventy-five per cent. of the increase in those localities where Cantons exist was brought about by the organization of the Canton. I am sorry I could not transmit this sooner.

Truly and fraternally yours,

E. A. BILLINGSLEA, *Grand Secretary.*

Hamilton, Ont., August 31st, 1888.

Hon. John C. Underwood, Lieutenant-General Patriarchs Militant, I. O. O. F., Covington, Ky.:

My Dear Sir and Brother—The Patriarchs Militant in the Department of Ontario has been to the Encampment Branch of the Order a decided stimu-

lant, and, I believe, a permanent benefactor. Our increase of members has been greater since the P. M. Degree was introduced in Ontario than ever before, a great many advancing for the purpose of attaching themselves to the Cantons. I cheerfully recommend the degree, and ask every member of the Order to give the Chevaliers every encouragement, and feel satisfied that they are deserving in very many respects. I am

Yours fraternally,

ABNER FRASER, *Grand Patriarch.*

Also, the following:

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE COMMANDER P. M. TO THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

ARMY HEADQUARTERS, P. M., I. O. O. F.,
Covington, Ky., September 1st, 1888.

To the Officers and Grand Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.:

BRETHREN AND GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to submit the following reports giving full information, and subjoined financial statements, relative to the Continental Competitive Drill and Odd Fellows' parade at Denver, Colorado, September 21st and 22d, 1887; and to the Grand Cantonment of Patriarchs Militant, Inter-Department Competitive Drills and general parade of Odd Fellows at Cincinnati, Ohio, July 23d to 28th, 1888.

The first grand parade of Odd Fellows comprising the Patriarchs Militant and members of Lodges and Encampments took place in Boston, Mass., on September 23d, 1886, and will be long remembered as one of the largest and most enthusiastically received Odd Fellow demonstrations on the continent. It embraced over five thousand Patriarchs Militant and eight thousand members of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, making an aggregate of over thirteen thousand Odd Fellows in column, independent of the bands and drum corps, which were estimated by the press of the day at over twelve hundred musicians, thereby increasing the numbers on parade to between fourteen and fifteen thousand.

The second annual Odd Fellows' parade of similar organization was held at Denver, on September 22d, 1887, and the column consisted of fifty-seven General, Field and Staff Officers, mounted, fifteen Cantons of Patriarchs Militant, aggregating over five hundred Chevaliers; members of Lodges and Encampments to the number of one thousand; and the Grand Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge in carriages, the total estimated in round numbers at sixteen to eighteen hundred.

The Continental Competitive Drill held at Denver, September 21st and 22d, 1887, was the first under Militant auspices, where three cash prize awards were made, aggregating $1,100.00, one jewel award, value $300.00, one honorary jewel, value $150.00, presented, and the judges' expenses, nearly $200.00, defrayed, making in round numbers a total of $1,750.00; a good start for the military movement, when it is considered that Denver is at the base of the Rocky Mountains.

The Odd Fellows' parade on July 26th, 1888, at Cincinnati, Ohio, was the third demonstration of the kind since the establishment of the Patriarchs Militant, and was a pronounced success in every particular. The column consisted of two corps—the first, the military, comprising two thousand two hundred and eighteen of all arms; the second, the civic, numbering four thousand four hundred and thirteen of the various organizations—the whole comprising forces of which were mounted, three hundred and six; dismounted, five thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight; and borne in carriages five hundred and forty-seven, making a grand total of six thousand six hundred and thirty-one men, as per reports of Subordinate Commanders. The parade, like those at Boston and Denver, was enthusiastically received by the people of Cincinnati and the Central States, the streets being lined for miles by thousands of spec-

tators, and the Mayor of Cincinnati countenancing the occasion by accompanying the Grand Sire in the procession.

The Inter-Department Competitive Drill held at Cincinnati July 23d to 28th, 1888, was the second competition of Patriarchs Militant organizations in drill, and one of the most successful military contests held upon the continent, where a great number of prizes, consisting of cash, jewels, banners, etc., were awarded to the winning organizations—the whole aggregating, together with the expenses of the general occasion, $10,734.85, leaving a surplus of flags and jewels on hand valued at $1,050, making the total amount of cash and other assets received for the occasion $11,784, a magnificent showing for the liberality of the citizens of Cincinnati. The remaining jewels owned by the Patriarchs Militant were awarded, giving the mounted officer's diamond jewel on hand to the Commander of the Battalion, and retaining the Duhme prize jewel.

In the judges' award, Canton No. 12, Ky., was mentioned conditionally and recommended to receive the ninth prize, which action of the judges was not sustained by the Commander P. M., on the ground that the said Canton drilled with a less number of Chevaliers than was required by the rules, etc.

Upon the whole, the various demonstrations of the Patriarchs Militant, the joint and friendly action with the other branches of the Order, are evidence of its success and fraternal co-operation.

I therefore congratulate your Honorable Body upon the wisdom of its sovereign act in establishing the Militant Degree, and predict for it a future commensurate with the auspicious beginning.

Respectfully submitted,

I have the honor to remain,

Truly and chivalrously your obedient servant,

JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, *Lieutenant-General.*

THE CONTINENTAL COMPETITIVE DRILL, DENVER, COLORADO, SEPTEMBER 21ST AND 22D, 1887.

FINANCIAL BALANCE-SHEET.

1887. *Receipts.*

July	13.	Cash from Committee of Arrangements, etc.....	$3,000 00

1887. *Expenditures.*

Sept.	23.	Cash to Canton No. 7, Ill. (First prize).....	$500 00	
"	"	" " Canton No. 8, Kan. (Second prize),	400 00	
"	"	" " Canton No. 1, Col. (Third prize)....	300 00	
"	24.	" " Lieut.-Col. W. J. McKee, traveling expenses.....	34 00	
"	"	" " Lieut.-Col. W. J. McKee, hotel expenses.....	30 00	
"	"	" " Maj. James Pettibone, traveling expenses.....	17 33	
"	"	" " Maj. James Pettibone, hotel expenses.....	28 00	
"	"	" " Lieut. J. T. Thompson, bill.....	64 65	
"	"	" " " " " " hotel.....	22 00	
"	"	" " Committee of Arrangements.....	1,604 02	
				$3,000 00

The Albany, Denver, Col., September 24th, 1887.

Received of Lieut.-General JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, sixteen hundred and four and two-hundredths dollars ($1,604.02), in full of balance of Prize Fund deposited by guarantors after cash payment of prize awards and judges,

expenses, the said amount being paid over and received for the purpose of covering back to the guarantors.

CHARLES D. COBB.
I. N. ROGERS.
J. M. NORMAN.

JEWEL ACCOUNT.

JEWELS PAID FOR BY, AND THE PROPERTY OF THE PATRIARCHS MILITANT.

1887.		Value of jewels awarded.....		$450 00
Sept. 23.	To Capt. C. C. Crabb, Canton No. 7, Ill. (First prize)		$300 00	
" "	To Lieut.-Col. I. N. Rogers. (Honorary)....		150 00	
				$450 00

Denver, Col., September 22d, 1887.

Lieutenant-General John C. Underwood, Commanding Patriarchs Militant, I. O. O. F.:

GENERAL—The Board of Judges of the Continental Competitive Drill have the honor to report the following order of merit for the Cantons participating therein:

1. Canton Excelsior, No. 7, Chicago, Commandant C. C. CRABB.
2. Canton Clay Center, No. 8, Kansas, Commandant G. W. MARTIN.
3. Canton Arapahoe, No. 1, Denver, Commandant I. N. ROGERS.

The board desires to express, through you, its appreciation of the services of Major FRANK N. SPENCER, A D. C., and Major H. C. DILLON.

Very respectfully, your obedient servants,

W. J. McKEE,
Lieut.-Col. 2d Infantry, Indiana Legion.
JAMES PETTIBONE,
Major 1st Infantry, Ohio National Guard.
JOHN T. THOMPSON,
2d Lieut. 2d U. S. Artillery.

ARMY HEADQUARTERS, P. M., I. O. O. F.,
Covington, Ky., September 23d, 1887.

Lieutenant-General John C. Underwood:

GENERAL—I have the honor to report that in the Odd Fellows' parade, held at Denver, Colorado, September 22d, 1887, the column consisted of fifty-seven General, Field and Staff Officers, mounted; fifteen Cantons of Patriarchs Militant, all aggregating over 500 Chevaliers, and Lodges and Encampments to the number of 1,000, also the members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in carriages. Total in round numbers, 1,600 to 1,800 men.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Yours chivalrously.
WM. S. FROST,
Colonel and A. Adjutant General.

REPORT OF P. M. AND CIVIC PARADE, JULY 28TH, 1888.

ARMY HEADQUARTERS, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Covington, Ky., September 1st, 1888.

Lieutenant General John C. Underwood, Commander P. M.:

GENERAL—I have the honor to present the following report of the column of parade on the 26th day of July, 1888, during the Grand Cantonment, at Cincinnati, Ohio:

	In Carriages.	Mounted.	Foot.	Total.
General, Field and Staff Officers		159	.....	
P. M. Troops, Rank and File		.....	1,456	
P. M. Band and Drum Corps		.....	47	
Other Musicians		.....	186	
Squadron Police and Patrol		24	.....	
Battalion of Police		.....	123	
Flankers		.....	27	
Battalion Ohio National Guard and Band		.....	140	
Battery of Artillery, O. N. G.		56	.....	
Lieut.-Gen. Commanding, Staff and First Corps (Military)		239	1,979	2,218
Second or Civic Corps, as per report of Grand Marshal Chas. A. Miller (carriages, mounted, foot and total)	547	60	3,806	4,413
Total	547	299	5,785	6,631

The above statement, as regards P. M. troops, is based upon morning reports prior to the afternoon of parade. The column was materially augmented by the arrival of Chevaliers on the morning and afternoon trains, who failed to report at Army Headquarters.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Truly and chivalrously,

WILLIAM S. FROST,
Bvt. Maj.-Gen., A. A. A. G.

HEADQUARTERS SECOND CORPS,
No. 153 Fourth St., Cincinnati, O., July 30th, 1888.

Lieutenant-General John C. Underwood:

GENERAL—I have the honor to present the following report of the Second or Civic Corps of parade of July 26th:

	In Carriages.	Mounted.	Foot.
Marshals—Chief and Staff, 14; 1st Division and Staff, 15; 2d Division and Staff, 16; 3d Division and Staff, 15...		60	.....
Divisions—1st, Lodges, 2,723; 2d, Encampments, 850;			3,573
3d, Grand Bodies of Ohio and Veterans in carriages..	547	.....	.....
Musicians—Bands and Drum Corps		.....	233
	547	60	3,806
Total	.....	.....	4,413

I have the honor to be, sir,

Yours fraternally,

CHAS. A. MILLER,
Grand Marshal, 2d Corps.

HEADQUARTERS FIRST DIVISION, SECOND CORPS,
No. 153 Fourth St., Cincinnati, O., July 28th, 1888.

Chas. A. Miller, Esq., Grand Marshal, Second Corps:

SIR AND BROTHER—I have the honor to report to you, as Marshal of the First Division, Second Corps, of the I. O. O F. parade of July 26th, 1888, that my command consisted of the following, viz :

Self and Staff	15
Members of Lodges	2,723
Sum total	2,738

Fraternally submitted,
E. C. BOYCE,
Marshal 1st Division, 2d Corps.

HEADQUARTERS SECOND DIVISION, SECOND CORPS,
No. 153 Fourth St., Cincinnati, O., July 28th, 1888.

Chas. A. Miller, Esq., Grand Marshal, Second Corps:

SIR AND BROTHER—I have the honor to report to you, as Marshal of the Second Division, Second Corps, of the I. O. O. F. parade of July 26th, 1888, that my command consisted of the following, viz.:

Self and Staff	16
Members of Encampments	850
Sum total	866

Fraternally submitted,
P. GRAF,
Marshal 2d Division, 2d Corps.

HEADQUARTERS THIRD DIVISION, SECOND CORPS,
No. 153 Fourth St., Cincinnati, O., July 28th, 1888.

Chas. A. Miller, Esq., Grand Marshal, Second Corps:

SIR AND BROTHER—As Marshal of the Third Division, on the occasion of the parade of the I. O. O. F., July 26th, 1888, my Division being composed of the Grand Bodies of Ohio and veteran Odd Fellows in carriages, I have the honor to report as follows, viz.:

Self and Staff	15
Members of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment and Veterans	547
Sum total	562

Fraternally submitted,
JOHN B. PEASLEE,
Marshal 3d Division, 2d Corps.

THE GRAND CANTONMENT, INTER-DEPARTMENT COMPETITIVE DRILLS AND ODD FELLOWS' PARADE AT CINCINNATI, OHIO, JULY 24TH TO 28TH, 1888.

FINANCIAL BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts.

1888.				
May	3.	Cash from	Citizens' Committee	$5,000 00
"	17.	"	" Citizens' Committee	1,300 00
"	21.	"	" Order of Cincinnatus	200 00
June	28.	"	" Sale of advertising privilege	100 00

July	19.	Cash from Street Car Co		$100 00		
"	"	"	" Exposition advertising, etc	150 00		
"	24.	"	" Rent of refreshment privilege	15 00		
"	27.	"	" Grand Hotel	500 00		
"	"	"	" General Committee to procure music	600 00		
"	"	"	" Headquarters mess dinner, Coney Island	18 00		
"	28.	"	" Order of Cincinnatus	300 00		
"	"	"	" Use of horses	296 00		
Aug.		"	" Coney Island Co	125 00		
"		"	" Headquarters Expenses, Emery	29 00		
"		"	" Sundry profit subscriptions	1,200 00		
"		"	" J. C. U	1 85		
						$9,934 85

1888. *Expenditures.*

Cash to sundry Commandants, prize awards,		$4,650 00		
" and credit profit to Duhme & Co. and Pettibone Co., for banners, etc		3,000 00		
" to J. Frey, for grand reviewing stand		300 00		
" " Capt. F. J. McCarthy, battery expenses		125 00		
" " Lieut.-Col. M. L. Hawkins, battalion expenses		116 00		
" " A. Mowbach, use of bridles and saddles		60 00		
" " Col. C. C. Crabb, band and drum corps expenses		815 15		
" " F. B. Maertz, for horses		80 00		
" " Coney Is., dinner for mess, donated		18 00		
" " Metropolitan Coupe Co, for horses		112 00		
" " T. M. Zumstein, horses and carriages,		271 00		
" " Judges' expenses		62 90		
" " Headquarters (Emery Hotel) expenses, donated		29 00		
" " Vandiveer & Thompson, tents, etc		44 00		
" " Janitor Chamber of Commerce		3 00		
" " Transportation expenses, lady assistants, conference G. D. of C		86 00		
" " Street cars, cabs, coupes, entertaining, telegrams, etc		37 80		
" " Expense nine days' trip East, transportation (when paid), sleepers, meals, hotels, hacks, street cars, porters and sundries		125 00		
				$9,934 85

SPECIAL DONATION BALANCE-SHEET.

1888. *Donated.*

May.	From Pettibone M. Co., P. M. Colors and Battle Flag		$500 00	
"	" Duhme & Co., diamond breast jewel		300 00	
"	" Fechheimer Bros. & Co., P. M. Colors,		250 00	
"	" Mabley & Carew, Embr. P. M. Colors,		400 00	
"	" G. Committee of Arrangements, cash prize to D. C		100 00	
"	" Cohen & Co. (in printing)		100 00	
				$1,650 00

1888.

Awarded.

To Canton Alpine, No. 26, O., M. & C. prize,	$400 00	
" Drum Corps, P. M. Band, cash.....	100 00	
" Cohen & Co. (printing).....	100 00	

Unawarded.

The Duhme & Co. Jewel, held by L. G.....	300 00	
Pettibone & Co. Prize, } Subject to order {	500 00	
Fechheimer Prize..... } of L. G ..... {	350 00	
		$1,650 00

THE "STOKES" PRIZE MEDAL.

An elegant breast jewel, cost $200, value inestimable, awarded to Capt. DANIEL GUNDER, Canton Marion, No. 6, Marion, Ind.

The Jos. R. Peebles Sons subscribed a special prize of a silver tilting water set, value $100.00, made, but not delivered; the Citizens' Committee has yet in its hands $200.00 of the cash donation guaranteed; The Jos. R. Peebles Sons hold an unaudited bill against the management of some $75.00 for refreshments furnished judges at campus, and there are sundry small accounts, aggregating less than $100.00, and for which orders have been given on the Citizens' Committee The programme privilege was sold for $200.00, but the party purchasing failed to comply with contract, and hence the money was not received from that source.

Altogether the assets, aggregating $11,784.85, and collectible subscriptions, $300.00, make a total of $12,084.85.

The outstanding bills receivable are sufficient to meet those payable.

A full statement of unadjusted accounts will be published in connection with the above, in the Commander's revised report.

Gibson House, Cincinnati, O., July 25th, 1888.

John C. Underwood, Lieutenant-General P. M., Commanding:

SIR—The Board of Judges selected by you to judge the Cantons and Battalions participating in the Inter-Department Competitive Drills, Cincinnati, Ohio, July 24th to 26th, have the honor to herewith transmit the result of such drills:

Number 1. Marion, No. 6, Marion, Ind., Capt. DANIEL GUNDER; percentage, 94.

Number 2. Excelsior, No. 7, Chicago, Ill., Capt. C. C. CRABB; percentage, 91.

Number 3. Occidental, No. 1, Chicago, Ill., Capt. E. H. SWITZER; percentage, 88.

Number 4. Washington, No. 6, Somerville, Mass., Capt. W. H. RALPH; percentage, 86.

Number 5. Lucas, No. 3, Toledo, O., Capt. M. M. MURPHY; percentage, 85.

Number 6. Worombus, No. 1, Lewiston, Me., Capt. J. H. BRABSON; percentage, 84.

Number 7. Ohio, No. 1, Columbus, O., Col. H. M. INNIS; percentage, 83.

Number 8. Atkins, No. 1, Paducah, Ky., Capt. WILLIAM KRANS; percentage, 72.

Number 9. Newport, No. 12, Newport, Ky., Capt. W. H. A. LATHAM; percentage, 47½.

The last Canton, Newport, No. 12, Newport, Ky., drilled with only twenty-three Chevaliers in the drill, and the board recommended this Canton to the favorable consideration of the Lieutenant-General Commanding.

BATTALION DRILL.

First Battalion, First Illinois, Maj. F. C. ROUNDY; percentage, 50.

Very respectfully, your obedient servants,

F. W. MOORE,
Col. 1st Regiment, Infantry, Ohio National Guard, Bvt. Brig.-Gen., Pres.
H. B GRANT,
Col. and Ass't Adj't Gen, Patriarchs Militant.
JOHN J. O'CONNELL,
Capt. 1st Infantry, U. S. Army.
JOHN T. THOMPSON,
2d Lieut. 2d Artillery, U. S. Army.
E. S. BENTON,
2d Lieut. 3d Artillery, U. S. Army, Recorder.

Gibson House, Cincinnati, O., July 27th, 1888.

We, the undersigned Board of Judges, appointed by Lieutenant-General JNO. C. UNDERWOOD, for Individual Drill for Officers at Music Hall, Wednesday, July 25th, 1888, do submit the following report:

First prize, to Capt. CRABB, of No. 7, Illinois; second prize, Lieut. W. S. HUSSANDER, of No. 7, Illinois.

Respectfully,

GEO. K. HUNTER,
1st Lieut 3d Cavalry, U. S. Army.
E. S. BENTON,
2d Lieut. 3d Artillery, U. S. Army.
JOHN T. THOMPSON,
2d Lieut. 2d Artillery, U. S. Army.

We, the undersigned Board of Judges, appointed by Lieutenant-General JNO. C. UNDERWOOD, Commander of Patriarchs Militant, do submit the following report of Individual Drill for Non-Commissioned Officers and Chevaliers, held at Music Hall, Wednesday, July 25th, 1888:

First prize, to Chevalier WILLIAM SHARP, of No. 7, Illinois; second prize, to Chevalier H. G. PURINTON, of No. 1, Illinois; third prize, to Chevalier F. A. STAHLBROCK, of No. 7, Illinois.

Respectfully,

GEO. K. HUNTER,
1st Lieut. 3d Cavalry, U. S Army.
E. S. BENTON,
2d Lieut. 3d Artillery, U. S. Army.
JOHN T. THOMPSON,
2d Lieut. 2d Artillery, U. S. Army.

We, the undersigned, appointed to act as a Board of Judges for the Individual Contest (free to Officers and Chevaliers), at Coney Island, O., July 27th, 1888, hereby certify the following to be our judgment:

First prize, Col. C. C. CRABB, First Regiment, Illinois; second prize, WM. SHARP, Canton No. 7; third prize, F. A. STAHLBROCK, Canton No. 7; fourth prize, H. G. PURINTON, Canton No. 1; fifth prize, T. D. KAYNER, Canton No. 7; sixth prize, GEO. BAILEY, Canton No. 7; seventh prize, A. E. BACK, Canton No. 7; eighth prize, F. A. HEATHER, Canton No. 7; ninth prize, J. C. F. MEYER, Canton No. 1; tenth prize, W. FALKNER, Canton No. 1.

F. W. MOORE,
Col. 1st Reg't Infantry, O. N. G.
H. B. GRANT,
Col and A. A. G, P. M.
J. T. THOMPSON,
2d Lieut. 2d Artillery, U. S. Army.

The reports were referred to the Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, and the cash balance-sheets accompanying, to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. ORENDORFF, of Illinois, from the High Commission, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your High Commission respectfully reports that the attached proposed legislation was determined on by the Military Council and proffered to this Commission for consideration, and after due examination your Commission find nothing in said proposed legislation contrary to the laws of the Order, and therefore report the same to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. WHITE, *Grand Sire.*
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, *Deputy Grand Sire.*
ALFRED ORENDORFF,
Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary.

Action of the Military Council.

Embracing the recommendations of the Commander (approved by the Board of Thirteen), and others, as adopted.

[CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO SUBJECTS.]

I. That "Cushing's Manual of Parliamentary Practice" be recognized authority for the government of the sessions of the Council; and that as a direct rule, the roster of those present shall be called, from the junior to the senior, for the presentation of views or subject-matter pertinent to the good and welfare of the Army.

II. That there shall be a parade of the troops comprising the Army of Patriarchs Militant every three years, commencing with 1890. There shall be a local parade of the troops constituting Army Corps, Divisions, Brigades, Regiments, etc., annually, except the year during which there shall be a parade of the Army.

III. The Commander of the P. M. troops in each Department, as the military representative of the Commander P. M, shall have the power to grant dispensations for Degree Work, so as to enable a Canton to receive an application for membership, and the Committee of Investigation to report thereon without delay in cases of emergency; and such applications shall be made direct to the said Commander of the Department, who, when he grants such a dispensation, shall transmit it to the Commandant of the Canton direct, all in order to save the delays of transmissions through military channels.

IV. That the Department Commander, holding position as such under provisions of law, is the officer with power to approve applications for Warrants to establish Cantons and see that all certificates are properly affixed thereon, and that financial matters are arranged, to muster the Cantons, unless otherwise ordered, assign the new Bodies to Battalions and Regiments, and make report of the whole as required by law. A Canton forming is entirely under the Department Commander, but after assignment it forms part of its superior military organization, and can be reached only through military channels. The Department Commander in addition to being a recruiting officer is the ritualistic and semi-civil officer of the Department.

V. That a Department Commander, as such, is amenable to no officer but the Lieutenant-General.

VI. That in consequence of the fact that but few subalterns are promoted to Captaincies, and consequently cannot obtain retired commissions, but must return to the ranks and serve as Chevaliers, it is recommended that each Canton may furnish, for the use of the Lieutenant and Ensign, a Line Officer's belt and baldric, the same to be turned over to the officers of such grades so soon as they shall be mustered, about the 26th of April of each year.

VII. That where P. M. colors are handsomely embroidered and made of double facings of silk, the letters P. and M. shall be embroidered on the scarlet and purple, and purple and scarlet stripes of the flag, so that the initials will read on either side P. M.

VIII. That in all cases of appeal, the papers must be forwarded through military channels, and the appellant should also send direct to the officer to whom appeal is made, a copy of the appeal, marked "Unofficial."

IX. That such detachable sword-hook as may be sanctioned by the Commander P. M., may be permitted for the optional use of the Army.

X. That such an adjustable visor be adopted for the Line Officers' and Chevaliers' hussar caps as may be determined upon by the Lieutenant-General, the same to be not obligatory, but permissive.

XI. That in making an application for a dispensation to parade, permission be granted to make the same direct to Headquarters, provided a duplicate application be forwarded through military channels.

XII. That an officer, prior to ordering a Cantonment, or making application to parade his command, should first obtain the approval and consent of his immediate Commander; such, however, not to apply to local parades of Cantons and Battalions.

The Grand Secretary presented the petition of T. B. ROBINSON, P. G., of Templar Lodge, No. 17, I. O. O. F., of San Francisco, Cal., which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

The jurisdictions were called, when

Rep. PETTIT, of Florida, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions:

Resolved, That the amendment to Section 1, Article IX., of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Florida, as printed in the proceedings of said Grand Lodge, pages 74 and 75, for year 1888, be referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. GWINN, of Idaho, submitted the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Idaho, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. GWINN, of Idaho, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

In the name of the Grand Encampment of Idaho, I. O. O. F., we do hereby ask that the per capita tax paid by the different Encampments under this jurisdiction from January 1st, 1888, to August 6th, 1888, to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be refunded to the Grand Encampment of Idaho, which are as follows: Idaho Encampment, No. 1, $4.72; Ridgely Encampment, No. 2, $6.30; Temple

Encampment, No. 3, $22.15; Ivanhoe Encampment, No. 4, $24.95; Enterprise Encampment, No. 5, $12.62; total, $70.74.

Witness our hands and the seal of the Grand Encampment, this 6th day of August, 1888, and of our Order the 70th year.

C. S. SCOTT, *Grand Patriarch.*

W. E. PECK, *Grand Scribe.*

See the cases of the Grand Encampments of Washington and Montana, (Journal of 1884, pp. 9668, 9677, 9754, 9808,) also New Mexico, (Journal, 1887, pp. 10,841, 10,916,) and several others previous to the sessions named.

Rep. MILLER, of Illinois, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Resolved, That all meetings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of Columbus, Ohio, except when otherwise ordered by a two-thirds vote of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Rep. POWERS, of Iowa, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

At the session of the Degree of Rebekah Convention, held in the city of Des Moines, Iowa, on September 4th, 1888, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the judgment of the members of the Degree of Rebekah of Iowa, in convention assembled, that there should be but one Beautified Work of this degree, and *that* Work should be the one requiring the least number of members to place said Work on the floor of the Lodge-room. We ask this because so many Lodges have not a large membership.

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives from the Grand Lodge of Iowa be requested to present this resolution to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

CARRIE T. DIAMOND, *President.*

LAURA A. KENT, *Secretary.*

Rep. POWERS, of Iowa, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the election of officers of this Grand Body be made the special order for this day, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Rep. JONES, of Maryland, moved the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Bro. THEO. A. Ross, Grand Secretary, has presented a copy of the History and Manual of Odd Fellowship to each officer and member of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed by the Grand Sire for the purpose of examining said book, and report to this Grand Lodge as to its merits, etc.

The Grand Sire announced the following:

Special Committee on History and Manual.—Reps. JONES, of Maryland; CLARK, of Minnesota; MERRIMAN, of Massachusetts.

Rep. TABER, of Massachusetts, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

WHEREAS, The Financial Secretary of a Rebekah Degree Lodge is a duly-recognized officer; therefore,

Resolved, That a jewel be provided for said officer.

Rep. MERRIMAN, of Massachusetts, moved the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The present ceremonies for the installation of elected and appointed officers of Subordinate Encampments are not sufficiently explicit or impressive, nor properly distributed among the several installing officers; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the installation ceremonies for Subordinate Encampments be referred to a select committee of three, with instructions to revise, amend or re-write such Installation Work, presenting such diagram or diagrams as may be necessary for a proper understanding thereof.

Resolved, That in view of the fact that D. D. Grand Patriarchs of Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions are not permitted to have Subordinate Encampment Rituals, which contain the Degree Work and the installation, that the installation ceremonies be printed in book form, such book to contain nothing except the Installation Work and diagrams, and which shall be furnished to Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions at a price to be determined, in order that the several D. D. Grand Patriarchs may have an opportunity to learn or memorize the Work of Installation.

Rep. COCKBURN, of Minnesota, presented certain resolutions adopted at the Annual Grand Convention of the Daughters of Rebekah of Minnesota, held at Fergus Falls, on June 5th and 6th, which were referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to be reported on in secret session.

Rep. PARKER, of New Jersey, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed by the Grand Sire to prepare and report, either at this or the next session of this Grand Body, a proper form for public installation of Subordinate Encampment officers.

Rep. PARKER, of New Jersey, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Amend Article XXII. of the By-Laws, by adding at the end of the article the following:

Provided, however, that in lieu of other regalia, members and visitors at the session of a Grand Lodge, wearing a scarlet ribbon, and at the session of a Grand Encampment, a purple ribbon, both about one inch in width, on the lapel of their coats, shall be deemed to be in proper regalia; and that the officers of said Grand Bodies, in lieu of other regalia, may wear a ribbon prescribed as above, with the jewel of their offices attached thereto.

Rep. KENT, of New Mexico, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Resolved, That no person shall be eligible to admission into any Subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge who sells or makes his living by the sale of intoxicating liquors. This shall not apply to druggists who sell for medicinal purposes.

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, presented the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, touching a desire for Beautified Work in the Degree of Rebekah, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah.

Rep. CARLETON, of Texas, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order:

Resolved, That a special committtee of five be appointed, who shall be required, at the next annual session of this Grand Body, to report a plan for the mergement of the Encampment and Subordinate Branches of the Order, and such changes in the Work of the same as may, in their opinion, be rendered necessary by reason of such mergement.

Rep. HOGE, of Utah, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

This report certifies to the number of working Lodges and increase in membership in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Utah, at the close of the semi-annual term of this year, ending June 30th, 1888.

Number of Lodges, 11.

Number of Rebekah Degree Lodges, 1.

Membership by Lodges.—Utah, No. 1, 60; Salt Lake, No. 2, 82; Jordan, No. 3, 75; Corinne, No. 4, 22; Union, No. 6, 40; Park City, No. 7, 64; Olive Branch, No. 8, 59; Ridgely, No. 9, 96; Bingham, No. 10, 50; Sandy, No. 11, 34; Eureka, No. 12, 20. Total, 602.

Number of members per last annual report, 534; number of members, June 30th, 1888, 602; gain in Subordinate Lodges, 3; gain in membership, 68; present membership of Rebekah Degree Lodge, 120.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and the seal of the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Utah, this 25th day of August, 1888.

H. C. WARDLEIGH, *Grand Master.*

HENRY F. EVANS, *Grand Secretary.*

Rep. HENRY, of Vermont, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

By instructions of the Grand Lodge of Vermont and the Annual Convention of the Daughters of Rebekah of Vermont, we hereby present to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., the accompanying form of Memorial Service, to be used when it may not be desirable to perform the regular ceremony at the

grave, and move its adoption, and request that it be referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah.

WM. W. HENRY, *Grand Representative.*
W. D. WILSON, *Grand Representative.*

[The form was placed in the hands of the committee.]

Rep. HILL, of Virginia, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The undersigned, a Representative from the Grand Encampment of Virginia, respectfully presents the following resolution, passed by the Grand Encampment of Virginia at its session held at Old Point Comfort, Va., June 5th, 1888, viz.:

Grand Scribe A. T. BURR moved that the Grand Representative be requested to ask the Sovereign Grand Lodge to refund the Representative tax of 1881. Adopted.

The facts are these: the Representative tax for that year was paid, and the Representative-elect, E. B. BRANCH, of Petersburg, Va., failed to attend the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, that year held in Ohio, as will be seen by his letter hereunto attached. This tax having been refunded to other jurisdictions, the Grand Encampment of Virginia respectfully asks that this tax be remitted to them.

Respectfully submitted,
A. L. HILL, *Grand Representative.*

Petersburg, Va., August 11th, 1888.

A. L. Hill, Esq:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—In answer to your letter of the 21st ultimo, I beg to say that I did not attend because I was prevented by business engagements which I could not, in justice to my family, disregard.

As Representative, you no doubt are familiar with the form required by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. If you will prepare such paper and forward to me I will sign and return at once.

I should be glad to be instrumental in the recovery of the amount, provided it can be done without trenching upon the rules and regulations of the Grand Body to whom the application must be made.

Very truly,
E. B. BRANCH.

Rep. KUYKENDALL, of Wyoming, by direction of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Resolved, That hereafter when any member of the Order prior to, or after having been dropped for non-payment of dues, shall have removed from within the jurisdiction of the Lodge of which he was a member, and who makes application for re-instatement to membership, shall be required to present with such application a certificate under seal of the Lodge nearest his place of residence, certifying that he is a man of good moral character; that his health, as well as standing in the community where he resides, is good, and that his re-instatement would not be detrimental to the Order in the vicinity of his residence; and all re-instatements hereafter made without the presentation of such certificate shall be illegal and void.

The Chair appointed Rep. HIRST, of Delaware, to fill the vacancy on the Special Committee on Dues and Benefits, caused by the death of Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island.

Rep. KENNER, of Indiana, moved that the Grand Lodge be now resolved in secret session, which was agreed to.

After some time passed in secret session, the ordinary business session was resumed.

The Grand Sire submitted the following:

I. O. O. F.
ARBOR VITÆ REBEKAH DEGREE LODGE, No. 83.
Los Angeles, Cal, September 18th, 1888.

Grand Sire White, Officers and Grand Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge:

DEAR BROTHERS—We extend you a cordial invitation to visit us at Odd Fellows' Hall between the hours of 11 and 2 o'clock daily.

MRS. M. E. ROWELL,
MISS LENA FRANCK,
MISS ANNIE FISCHER,
MISS DORA FYKE,
MRS. E. C BRATT,
Reception Committee.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved that the invitation be accepted with the thanks of the Grand Lodge, which was adopted.

Also, the following:

THE WICHITA BOARD OF TRADE.
Wichita, Kans., September 14th, 1888.

John H. White, Grand Sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR—A number of your party, before leaving here on the 11th inst., requested that some copies of the *Eagle* of next day's issue be forwarded to them at Los Angeles. Our Board of Trade forwarded to your address 500 copies of same, with their compliments. If not too much trouble, will you please see that each member of your party receives a copy?

Hope you all had a pleasant trip. Should you ever come this way again, I shall take great pleasure in showing you the balance of our city.

Yours truly,
GEO. H. BLACKWELDER, *Vice President.*

Rep. GRANT, of Indiana, moved that the copies be accepted with the thanks of the Grand Lodge, which was adopted.

Also, the following:

GENERAL MANAGER'S DEPARTMENT,
THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY.
San Diego, Cal., September 14th, 1888.

To the M. W. Grand Sire, Officers and Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

GENTLEMEN—Learning of your contemplated visit to San Diego, I respectfully extend an invitation to you to visit our Permanent Exhibition of the

products of San Diego county, at our rooms in the Tremont Block, on Third street, between "C" and "D," San Diego.

San Diego, as the oldest city in the State of California, and San Diego county, as the first organized subdivision of this State, will possess for you features of interest that you will not find elsewhere. The attractions of San Diego and the surrounding country are not, however, the dried husks of past history, but are also the full, plump, nutritious grain of present development and the budding promise of future prosperity. This city, sitting beside one of the most important harbors on the entire western coast of America, is possessed of peculiar commercial advantages, which we shall be pleased to have you investigate as carefully as your time may permit. Lying around the bay of San Diego is a fertile and prosperous country, through which excursions will be organized for the purpose of giving you an opportunity of forming an idea in regard to the productive capacities of this section. We only regret that the duration of your visit will be so short as to prevent your visiting the extensive interior sections of this county, all of which are deserving of especial note.

Therefore, we have gathered together in our permanent exhibition as complete a collection of the various products of all sections of this county as time has permitted, and we extend to you and your friends a most cordial invitation to visit us and inspect the examples of productive resources of San Diego county. You will find in the display much that will not only interest, but will also surprise you, it being a popular impression that San Diego county, lying in the same latitudinal belt as other sub-tropical regions, must, of necessity, possess a similar climate and similar productions. The point to which we would call your attention is that the actual facts of the case are almost entirely the reverse, and that while the olive, the orange, the lemon, the lime and the fig of the semi-tropics, thrive in the greatest luxuriance, the apple, pear, grape, peach and all the countless varieties of the fruits of the temperate zone thrive equally well. The marvel is, to a certain extent, explained when you consider that topographical features and elevation above the sea level, exercise a more potent influence in this section than does the distance from the equator. Still, these important features cannot be thoroughly appreciated without a comparison of the articles produced. Therefore, we feel that we can safely promise you much that will interest during the time which you will have at San Diego, where among our citizens you may meet many associates who have dissolved the old home ties, and coming to this sunset land, have made their homes here and are now waiting to welcome you.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES B. TURRILL, *General Manager.*

OFFICE OF THE
CLERK OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO.

San Diego, Cal., September 12th, 1888.

To the M. W. Grand Sire, Officers and Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Los Angeles, Cal.:

Enclosed herewith, please find a copy of a resolution unanimously adopted by the City Council of the city of San Diego, California, at a meeting held September 8th, 1888. Respectfully,

J. A. THOMAS, *City Clerk.*

WHEREAS, The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, composed of distinguished Representatives from every State and Territory in the Union, and from the Dominion of Canada, is about to hold its session for the current year in the city of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this event, wherein Southern California is highly honored, should receive proper recognition; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the city of San Diego hereby extends a cordial invitation to

the Officers and Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and of the Grand Lodge of California, to visit this city when the labors of the session shall have been concluded.

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, moved that the invitations be accepted with the thanks of the Grand Lodge, which was adopted.

Also, the following, which was ordered to be entered on the Journal:

To the Grand Sire, Officers and Members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS—In behalf of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, we extend to you and your families a fraternal invitation to visit our State on your return to your homes from the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. A programme for your entertainment, including an excursion from Portland to the Cascades, on the Columbia river, whose magnificent scenery is not excelled by any river in the United States, is being prepared by a local committee of Portland, and will be furnished to you during the present session.

PHIL. METSCHAN,
W. C. TWEEDALE,
R. ALEXANDER,
Grand Representatives from Oregon.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, submitted the following, which was ordered to be entered on the Journal:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES—I herewith submit the following protest, with my earnest and full indorsement of the same, and on my own behalf repel the insinuation so far as the same in any wise may reflect upon myself as a member of the committee. I took no part whatever in the discussion and consideration of the appeal, and I heard no dissent from any one to the conclusion reached. Fraternally,

J. W. STEBBINS, *Chairman of Committee on Appeals.*

Bro. Jno. W. Stebbins, Chairman:

DEAR SIR—At the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1887, the Committee on Appeals made a report sustaining the appeal of JAMES GOODWIN against the Grand Lodge of New York. This report was signed by all the members of the committee except Rep. WRIGHT, who was absent from the meeting of the committee.

It has come to the knowledge of the undersigned, members of that committee, that a statement appeared in the August number of the Odd Fellows' Companion, of Columbus, Ohio, and also in a newspaper published in Brooklyn, New York, that some member of that committee had written a letter to the Grand Master of New York, the person whose decision in the Grand Lodge of New York was appealed from, to the effect that he signed the report because he had an ax to grind, or from some personal motive, but thought the decision of the Grand Master of New York was correct, notwithstanding the report of the entire committee present reversed it.

The undersigned have no knowledge or information as to the writer of the letter charged to have been written, but for themselves do repel the charge and

denounce the accusation as unfounded in truth and abhorrent to their feelings. We also protest against the publication as made, in that it did not undertake to designate the individual member charged with the alleged impropriety, but was made in such manner as to place under suspicion the entire membership of the committee.

Yours fraternally,

WM. W. MORRIS.
JNO. B. GOODWIN.
W. L. KUYKENDALL.
ROBT. E. WRIGHT.

The hour of 11 o'clock, named by special order for the election of officers, having arrived, the Lodge proceeded to the election.

The Chair appointed the following tellers:

Reps. CARLETON, of Texas, and HILL, of Massachusetts.

The following nomination was made for Grand Sire:

By Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, Deputy Grand Sire JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky.

On motion of Rep. ORENDORFF, of Illinois, Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, was authorized to cast the vote of the Lodge, which being done, the tellers reported that the whole vote had been cast for JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, P. G. M., of Kentucky, whereupon

The Grand Sire declared that JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, P. G. M., of Kentucky, was unanimously elected Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to the election of Deputy Grand Sire.

The following nominations were made:

By Rep. GIFFORD, of Massachusetts, ALFRED ORENDORFF, P. G. M., of Illinois.
By Rep. ROBBINS, of Rhode Island, CHAS. M. BUSBEE, P. G. M., of North Carolina.
By Rep. REA, of Pennsylvania, CL. T. CAMPBELL, P. G. M., of Ontario.
By Rep. MINTA, of California, C. H. RANDALL, P. G. M., of California.
By Rep. POWERS, of Iowa, HERMAN BLOCK, P. G. M., of Iowa.
By Rep. KELSEY, of Kansas, WM. H. ISZARD, P. G. M., of New Jersey.
By Rep. CARLETON, of Texas, HENRY C. HEDGES, P. G. M., of Ohio.

The nominations being closed, the tellers received the votes of the Representatives, and reported that one hundred and fifty-five votes had been polled, of which

ALFRED ORENDORFF, P. G. M., of Illinois, received	19
CHAS. M. BUSBEE, P. G. M., of North Carolina, received	30
CL. T. CAMPBELL, P. G. M., of Ontario, received	16
CHAS. H. RANDALL, P. G. M., of California, received	11
HERMAN BLOCK, P. G. M., of Iowa, received	10
WM. H. ISZARD, P. G. M., of New Jersey, received	18
HENRY C. HEDGES, P. G. M., of Ohio, received	51
Total	155

And that no election had been held, whereupon the Lodge proceeded again to the election.

Rep. POWERS, of Iowa, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of HERMAN BLOCK, P. G. M., of Iowa, as a candidate for Deputy Grand Sire.

The tellers having again received the votes of the Representatives, reported that one hundred and fifty-eight votes had been polled, of which

ALFRED ORENDORFF, P. G. M., of Illinois, received	21
CHAS. M. BUSBEE, P. G. M., of North Carolina, received	37
CL. T. CAMPBELL, P. G. M., of Ontario, received	15
CHAS. H. RANDALL, P. G. M., of California, received	11
WM. H. ISZARD, P. G. M., of New Jersey, received	12
HENRY C. HEDGES, P. G. M., of Ohio, received	62
Total	158

And that no election had been held, whereupon the Lodge proceeded again to the election.

Rep. CRICHLOW, of Tennessee, moved that the Grand Lodge adjourn until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, which was not agreed to.

Rep. DEUBERT, of New York, moved that after the next and succeeding ballots for Deputy Grand Sire, the candidate receiving the smallest number of votes shall not be voted for, which was agreed to.

Rep. MINTA, of California, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of CHARLES H. RANDALL, P. G. M., of California, as a candidate for Deputy Grand Sire.

The tellers having again received the votes of the Representatives, reported that one hundred and fifty-nine votes had been polled, of which

ALFRED ORENDORFF, P. G. M., of Illinois, received	20
CHAS. M. BUSBEE, P. G. M., of North Carolina, received	47
CL. T. CAMPBELL, P. G. M., of Ontario, received	16
WM. H. ISZARD, P. G. M., of New Jersey, received	14
HENRY C. HEDGES, P. G. M., of Ohio, received	62
Total	159

And that no election had been held, whereupon the Lodge proceeded again to the election.

Rep. ORENDORFF, P. G. M., of Illinois, asked and obtained leave to withdraw his name as a candidate for Deputy Grand Sire.

Rep. ISZARD, P. G. M., of New Jersey, asked and obtained leave to withdraw his name as a candidate for Deputy Grand Sire.

The tellers having again received the votes of the Representatives, reported that one hundred and fifty-five votes had been polled, of which

CHAS. M. BUSBEE, P. G. M., of North Carolina, received	65
CL. T. CAMPBELL, P. G. M., of Ontario, received	18
HENRY C. HEDGES, P. G. M., of Ohio, received	72
Total	155

And that no election had been held, whereupon the Lodge proceeded again to the election.

The tellers having again received the votes of the Representatives, reported that one hundred and fifty-two votes had been polled, of which

CHAS. M. BUSBEE, P. G. M., of North Carolina, received	80
HENRY C. HEDGES, P. G. M., of Ohio, received	72
Total	152

Whereupon the Grand Sire declared that CHARLES M. BUSBEE, P. G. M., of North Carolina, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was duly elected Deputy Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to the election of Grand Secretary.

The following nomination was made:

By Rep. BLANKS, of Virginia, THEODORE A. ROSS, P. G. P., of New Jersey.

On motion of Rep. CRICHLOW, of Tennessee, Rep. CARLETON, of Texas, was authorized to cast the vote of the Lodge, which being done, the tellers reported that the whole vote had been cast for THEODORE A. ROSS, P. G. P., of New Jersey, whereupon

The Grand Sire declared that THEODORE A. ROSS, P. G. P., of New Jersey, was unanimously elected Grand Secretary for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to the election of Grand Treasurer.

The following nomination was made:

By Rep. CARLIN, of Illinois, ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, P. G. M., of Pennsylvania.

On motion of Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, Rep. CARLETON, of Texas, was authorized to cast the vote of the Lodge, which being done, the tellers reported that the whole vote had been cast for ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, P. G. M., of Pennsylvania, whereupon

The Grand Sire declared that ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, P. G. M., of Pennsylvania, was unanimously elected Grand Treasurer for the ensuing term.

Rep. HART, of Mississippi, from the Special Committee on Distribution of the subjects in the reports of the Grand Officers to appropriate committees, made the following report, which, the rule being suspended, was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Distribution having examined the reports of Grand Officers referred to them, recommend that the subject-matters thereof be referred as follows:

1. To the Committee on the State of the Order—So much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to the condition of the Order; Decisions Nos. 36, 37, 38 and 53; that portion of his report which relates to Degrees and Ceremonies; and so much of the Grand Secretary's report as relates to the condition of the Order in the United States and Canada.

2. To the Committee on the Judiciary—So much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to Decisions 19 to 35, 39 to 45, 47 to 52 and 54 to 68, inclusive.

3. To the Committee on Legislation—So much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to and is headed, Qualification for Membership, Special Entertainment Fund, Grand Lodge Representation, Regalia, and Relief of State Grand Officers.

4. To the Committee on Finance—So much of the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary as relates to Finances.

5. To the Committee on Constitutions—So much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to Decision No. 46, and that headed, By-Laws of Subordinates

6. To the Committee on Foreign Relations—So much of the report of the

Grand Sire as is headed, Foreign Jurisdictions, and so much of the Grand Secretary's report as relates to Foreign Jurisdictions and Returns.

7. To the Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order—So much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to Decisions 15 to 18, inclusive, and so much of the report of the Lieutenant-General as relates to the Patriarchs Militant.

8. To the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah—So much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to Decisions 1 to 14, inclusive; that headed, Degree of Rebekah, and so much of the report of the Grand Secretary as relates to said degree.

9. To the Committee on Petitions—So much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to Warrants Issued and Commissions.

10. To the Committee on Returns—So much of the report of the Grand Secretary as relates to Annual Returns and General Returns.

11. To the Committee on Miscellaneous Business—So much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to Transfer of Jurisdiction, Defunct Grand Bodies, Past Official and Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment Degrees, Duplicate Charters, District Deputy Grand Sires, Grand Visitations, Anniversary Proclamation, and so much of the report of the Grand Secretary as relates to Duplicate Charters, Library, Warrants Issued, Odd Fellows' Beneficial Associations, Schools, Colleges, etc.

Your committee would recommend the appointment of a special committee of five, to whom be referred so much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to the death of Past Grand Sire STOKES and other Past Grand Representatives, and so much of the report of the Grand Secretary as is headed, Obituary.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC T. HART, L. KABIS, HAL. C. WEAVER,
F. M. HEITMAN, H. S. COLEMAN.

Rep. SHAW, of Washington, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred an amendment to Section 6, Article V., Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, also amendments to Section 1, Article IV., and Section 1, Article VI., Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Dakota, report that we have duly considered the same, and recommend that the same be approved.

We therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the said amendments to the Constitutions of the Grand Lodges of Ohio and Dakota be and the same are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

LE F. A. SHAW, GEO. W. LEE, JOSEPH OLIVER,
GEO. WHIPPLE, W. J. BRADSHAW, C. B. EDWARDS,
J. B. SHERIDAN, JOHN G. DEUBERT, WM. W. HENRY.

Rep. YOUNG, of Manitoba, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business having examined the printed Journal, find the following business which has not been disposed of:

1. Special Committee on Ceremony for Laying Corner-Stone, Journal, 1885, pages 10,098, 10,174. Never reported.

2. Report from the Committee on the Judiciary, on Memorial of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Journal, 1885, page 10,191. Postponed until next session, page 10,191. No action taken in 1886.

3. Decisions of Grand Sire, Nos. 1, 2 and 7, and so much of report of Grand Sire as refers to the Patriarchs Militant and to the Patriarchal Circle, page 10,258, Journal, 1886. Referred to the Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order. Never reported.

4. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Montana, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, Journal, 1886, page 10,381. Never reported.

5. Petition of Miriam Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 8, Kansas, referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, Journal, 1887, page 10,924. No report.

6. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, Journal, 1887, page 10,840. No report.

7. Committees to report at session of 1888: Special Committee on Dues and Benefits, pages 10,952, 11,005; Special Committee on Insurance Associations, pages 11,011, 11,033, 11,057.

8. Amendments to the Constitution proposed at last session, on pages 10,955, 10,973, 10,998 and 11,015, viz.:

Article I., Section 4, by Rep. REINECKE, of Kentucky, page 10,955.
Article XVI., Section 2, by Rep. FREER, of California, page 10,955.
Article XVI., Section 2, by Rep. CUSHING, of Lower Provinces, page 10,973.
Article IX., Section 2, by Rep. VAN DEMAN, of Ohio, page 10,998.
Article IX., Section 2, by Rep. HILL, of Rhode Island, page 11,015.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. YOUNG,	WM. MCCOLL,	W. H. MCINTOSH,
A. F. LANG,	B. S. KEITH,	J. C. COCKBURN,
RICHARD DEAN,	GEO. B. KIDDER,	R. ALEXANDER.

Rep. KENNER, of Indiana, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. GEORGE DEAN, Past Grand Master, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, has had the same under consideration, and after carefully examining the same, report as follows:

The facts are these: At the annual session of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, held February, 1888, Sebewa Lodge, No. 351, of that jurisdiction, asked that they be granted permission by their Grand Lodge to solicit aid from Lodges in the same jurisdiction for the relief of a Brother, one DANIEL OSTRANDER, who had been injured by the explosion of a boiler. This petition was referred, in the usual way, to the Committee on Petitions. The committee reported favorably, recommending the granting of the prayer thereof. A point of order was raised against the report, urging in support of the said point, that the law as laid down by the decisions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, did not warrant a Grand Jurisdiction in permitting the solicitation of contributions from Subordinate Lodges to aid *individual members*. The Grand Master overruled the point of order, and an appeal was taken by this appellant to the Grand Lodge from the said ruling of the Grand Master. The Grand Lodge sustained the Chair, and from this action Bro. DEAN appeals to this Body, and urges that the Grand Lodge has no authority, in law, to grant permission such as was contemplated and granted in the aforesaid petition.

It is one of the fundamental and imperative duties of our Order to relieve

our distressed and needy Brethren, and it seems to your committee that to deny or abridge the right of a Grand Jurisdiction to grant her Subordinates such request, in proper and meritorious cases, would deal a blow at one of the most cherished and humane tenets of this great Brotherhood. Besides this, the several Grand Jurisdictions are separate and independent Bodies, and have full power, within the scope of the principles of the Order, to legislate and do all things necessary to carry out the objects of the Order, and in the execution of which the Sovereign Grand Lodge will not interfere or review, unless clearly in opposition to, or subversive of, established principles.

In this case, Sebewa Lodge may be weak, and her treasury depleted, and in such a case it would be eminently proper, and indeed a positive duty, for this jurisdiction to render aid, and the mode resorted to in this case, is one of the usual means adopted to reach the result desired. It is in the discretion of the Grand Bodies, and the Grand Lodge of Michigan, having had all the facts and reasons before it, it must be presumed that it did not abuse the trust confided to it. We conclude, therefore, that the action of the Grand Lodge of Michigan in sustaining her presiding officer was right, and the appeal is without merit. We offer the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of Bro. GEORGE DEAN from the action of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Michigan, in the case of the petition of Sebewa Lodge for aid, be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. KENNER, M. D. BRAINARD, W. L. KUYKENDALL,
O. A. JANES, J. W. STEBBINS, JOHN B. GOODWIN,
R. E. WRIGHT, WM. W. MORRIS, WILLIAM H. COMLEY.

Rep. KENNER, of Indiana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of WILLIAM H. WELDON, Past Grand, from the action of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces, would report that we have carefully examined the papers and records in the case and find the facts as follows:

This case first appeared in this Grand Lodge in 1886, at its session in Boston (*see* Journal, 1886, page 10,401), but it not appearing that said Grand Lodge had rendered any judgment, the case was dismissed without prejudice to appellant. At the 1887 session, the case was again appealed and examined, and the record and papers were so imperfect, it was resolved to return the papers to the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces, with instructions to act upon this case, if it had not done so, and to send up a complete record, including a copy of the general law of that jurisdiction governing this case. (*See* Journal, 1887, page 10,861.) The case, therefore, appears again, the record is somewhat fuller, but no copy of any local general law has been sent up, except a section of a Subordinate Lodge Constitution. We therefore assume that there is no general law in said jurisdiction bearing upon the subject.

The facts we gather from the record are as follows: Past Grand WILLIAM H. WELDON, then a member of Western Star Lodge, No. 16, of Annapolis, Nova Scotia, applied for and obtained a Withdrawal Card in the regular form. Some time afterward he deposited the same in Pioneer Lodge, in New Brunswick, in the same jurisdiction. After the said Pioneer Lodge had decided to admit him, they asked Western Star Lodge for their consent. Western Star refused to give it, but wrote a letter to Pioneer Lodge reflecting upon WELDON'S character. Bro. WELDON thereupon applied to the Grand Master of the jurisdiction, asking that Western Star Lodge be compelled to give their consent, which action is denominated in the papers as an appeal. The Grand Master referred him to the D. D. Grand Master, who declared that the appeal must be

taken within four weeks after action on the part of Western Star Lodge, and that as more than that time had elapsed, Bro. WELDON was barred. He then appealed to the Grand Master, who declined to act, but referred the whole matter to the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction. That Body sustained the action of the Deputy, and from that action the Brother appeals to this Grand Body.

Upon the question of the action of the District Deputy, and the subsequent action of the Grand Lodge thereon, we are of the opinion that this was error. It is evident to us that the case in which the right of appeal in this jurisdiction is limited, under Section 4, Article VIII., of the Subordinate Constitution of said Western Star Lodge, to four weeks, clearly means cases tried in the Subordinate Lodge, while this, at most, was merely a grievance; but under the view your committee takes of the other questions, the question just referred to can have but little bearing. In the absence of local law, any Brother can deposit a Withdrawal Card, and a Lodge receive him, without asking consent of the Lodge granting the same. The only requirement which is imperative, is that he must reside in the jurisdiction or territory of the Lodge which he proposes to join. And it was not necessary for the consent of Western Star Lodge, in order that Pioneer Lodge might receive Bro. WELDON in this instance, and it was very improper and unjust to him for Western Star Lodge to send the letter which they did send to Pioneer Lodge, reflecting on his character, without taking steps to annul his Card, and following it with charges and a trial. We therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of Bro. WILLIAM H. WELDON from the action of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces be dismissed, and that inasmuch as the time consumed in litigation has permitted the Card to expire, his Card shall have vitality as of the date the same was deposited in Pioneer Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. KENNER, O. A. JANES, J. W. STEBBINS,
R. E. WRIGHT, WM. W. MORRIS, M. D. BRAINARD,
W. L. KUYKENDALL, JOHN B. GOODWIN, WM. H. COMLEY.

Rep. KUYKENDALL, of Wyoming, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Friendship Lodge, No. 20, of Cambridgeport, Massachusetts, from the action of the Grand Lodge of that State, beg leave to report that this is a case where J. D. NEALEY, a member of said Friendship Lodge, was taken sick with paralysis and was cared for by Mutual Relief Lodge, No. 83, of Haverhill, Massachusetts, and for money expended in paying for watchers, or nurse hire, by said Mutual Relief Lodge from September 1st, 1887, to March 19th, 1888, a bill for $206 was presented to said Friendship Lodge, which the latter refused to pay, whereupon Mutual Relief Lodge appealed to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Said appeal was referred to the Committee on Appeals. From the record it appears that at the hearing before said committee, both parties in interest were represented by an able committee, and it was agreed that the appeal was a correct statement of facts. Said committee, in its report, after quoting Section 2 of Article IV. of the By-Laws of Friendship Lodge, say:

"There can be no question but that Friendship Lodge, through the above By-Law, has bound itself to its members for the payment of a nurse to attend a sick Brother during the night, if the Visiting Committee deem it necessary. The theory of the law for the care of the sick is, that a Lodge having in charge a member of a sister Lodge are bound to render to such Brother such assistance as the general laws of the Order require, and are privileged to do so in such

way and manner as provided for by the By-Laws of the Lodge of which the Brother is a member, or, in other words, if the Brother whom they have under their care requires watchers, they must furnish them; and if the By-Laws of that Brother's Lodge provide for the payment of watchers, then, under the law, the bill for such service is valid and must be paid. If, on the other hand, the By-Laws of the sick Brother's Lodge do not provide for the payment of watchers, the Lodge under whose charge the Brother may be, must render service, but have no claim for compensation for so doing. In this case, the bill rendered by Mutual Relief Lodge, against Friendship Lodge, for watchers, seems to be a legal claim. Your committee, therefore, offer the following resolution: *Resolved*, That the appeal be sustained, and that Friendship Lodge, No. 20, be directed to pay to Mutual Relief Lodge, No. 83, the sum of $206, the amount claimed for the service of watching with Bro. J. D. NEALEY, a member of Friendship Lodge."

Said report and resolution were adopted by the Grand Lodge, and from this action Friendship Lodge appealed to this Grand Lodge.

In the opinion of your committee, the main question involved is: Did Friendship Lodge, under its By-Laws, become responsible to said Mutual Relief Lodge in this case for the payment of the amount claimed by the latter, or in any other amount? Said Section 2 of Article IV. of the By-Laws, hereinbefore referred to, provides "if the circumstances require it, the Visiting Committee shall employ a competent nurse to attend such sick Brother during the night. Said nurse to be paid from the funds of the Lodge." It is not denied by Friendship Lodge that the condition of the Brother, in this case, was such as to require the hiring of a nurse under the provisions of said By-Law. Neither is it denied that if he had been sick in reach of, or within the jurisdiction of his Lodge (Friendship, No. 20), watchers would have been provided and paid as usual in such cases. Your committee can see no good reason existing why a Lodge having such a By-Law should expect another Lodge to furnish watchers without remuneration, when it pays for such services if the sick Brother is in reach thereof. No question appears to have been raised by Friendship Lodge as to the amount in controversy being exorbitant, or more in the aggregate than would have been allowed if the member had been cared for by it. Aside from the By-Law referred to, the general laws and decisions of this Grand Body, having any bearing on this case, are clear and explicit. (*See* White's Digest, Sections 106, also 108, pages 32 and 33)

It is, therefore, the opinion of your committee that the action of said Lodge in refusing to pay Mutual Relief Lodge the amount claimed, is neither in accordance with the law or the equity involved in this case, and that the action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in sustaining the appeal of said Mutual Relief Lodge was right and proper. Your committee, therefore, submits the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of Friendship Lodge, No. 20, be dismissed and the action of said Grand Lodge be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. KUYKENDALL,	WM. W. MORRIS,	WM. H. COMLEY,
JOHN B. GOODWIN,	M. D. BRAINARD,	J. W. STEBBINS,
O. A. JANES,	J. B. KENNER,	R. E. WRIGHT.

Rep. WRIGHT, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

In the matter of the appeal of Mrs. AUGUSTE HAEFKE from the action of the Grand Lodge of the State of California, in the matter of her claim against Woodland Lodge, No. 111, I. O. O. F., your Committee on Appeals respectfully submits:

Section 3, Article IV., By-Laws of the said Lodge, reads as follows: "The widow of a Brother who, at the time of his death, was in good standing and entitled to benefits, shall receive from the Lodge one hundred dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly, as long as she remains a widow of an Odd Fellow and maintains a good character."

ISAAC HAFKY was, on June 17th, 1871, initiated a member of Woodland Lodge, No. 111, and remained a member in good financial standing until his death, on December 4th, 1884. The illness from which he died commenced on March 22d, 1884, and from that time until the date of his death, Woodland Lodge paid him weekly benefits, and also paid the usual funeral benefit of fifty dollars after his death, toward the expense of his funeral. About the year 1876 HAFKY deserted his family, consisting of a wife and two children, taking with him (as is testified) all the money and most of the personal property belonging to the family, together with some money belonging to his daughter. It is alleged by the Lodge, and there is considerable evidence tending to prove the fact, that from 1873 to 1883 HAFKY maintained unlawful relations with this appellant. Your committee do not enter into the details of this testimony, because the conclusion we have reached as to the law of this case could not be affected, even by the most conclusive proof of the allegations just referred to. Sometime in 1883, PAULINE HAFKY commenced proceedings against her husband for a divorce, alleging desertion and adultery as the grounds of her application. The proofs as to adultery failed, but a divorce was granted on the ground of desertion. The decree of the court ordering the divorce was dated September 26th, 1883, and recites that the parties had waived a trial by jury, also that they had waived findings of fact and conclusions of law, and that they had filed a stipulation and agreement on the monetary and property questions involved. The decree then went on to adjudge an absolute divorce on the ground of desertion, allotted all the husband's property to the wife, but also ordering that out of it the wife should pay the husband's counsel $1,250 counsel fees and expenses. On September 29th, 1883, HAFKY, being then divorced from his first wife, married the appellant, whose name then was AUGUSTE JEPSEN. The ceremony was performed by J. H. THEISS, a Lutheran clergyman, whose certificate, as well as the certificates showing that the ceremony was performed after due and proper licenses issued, was offered in evidence.

None of the foregoing facts are disputed, but all are proven and admitted by all concerned.

In December, 1883, as appears by the evidence, ISAAC HAFKY, by decree of court, had his name changed to JOHN HAEFKE. The change was made after due legal proceedings and decree. This fact has no bearing in the issue, as the identity of the individual is not disputed.

After HAEFKE'S death, his widow, AUGUSTE, applied to the Lodge for the payment of the sums provided for in Section 4, Article IV., of the Lodge By-Laws. A trial was had, in which the testimony developed the facts hereinbefore recited, and upon those facts the Lodge decided that she was not entitled to the benefits. An appeal was had to the Grand Lodge of California, in which the Appeal Committee affirmed the decision of the Lodge; a minority report being presented from that committee recommending that the action of the Lodge be reversed and the benefits paid. The Grand Lodge, however, sustained the majority report, thus affirming the action of the Subordinate Lodge, and refusing the benefits. The following are the reasons given by the Appeal Committee of the Grand Lodge of California for their conclusions:

"We think the action of the Lodge should be sustained. As to ordinary sick benefits claimed by a Brother, where the By-Laws provide that benefits shall be paid in case of sickness or physical debility, and there is no provision about immoral conduct, yet if a Brother, in the commission of a crime, receives a physical injury which disables him from earning a livelihood, he would not, under the moral principles and purposes of Odd Fellowship, be entitled to benefits, notwithstanding the By-Laws. So, if the disability or sickness was brought on by any immoral conduct, he could not justly claim benefits.

"As a moral institution, Odd Fellowship cannot permit any immoral conduct to be the foundation of a claim to appropriate the funds of a Lodge, which are a sacred trust for the pure uses of our Order. Courts of justice do not allow actions to be maintained which arise from criminal or immoral causes or considerations. Our Order must protect the purity and sanctity of marriage, of home and of family. She who, by immoral acts or participation therein, breaks up the family, brings disgrace upon the children and destroys the home, has no claims upon the benefits of Odd Fellowship."

We are reluctantly compelled to find that the judgment reached by the Grand Lodge of California cannot be sustained. On reaching this conclusion, we assume that all the facts are precisely as contended for by the Lodge, and that the strongest language used by the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge of California, in characterizing the relations existing between this appellant and the deceased Brother before their lawful marriage, does but state the truth in that regard. Yet the law is clear. If this appellant was the widow of JOHN HAEFKE, and he was in good standing in the Lodge at the time of his death, the law entitles her to the benefits. These two facts constitute the only conditions to the founding of a claim. That both existed is admitted. No conduct on her part, prior to her husband's death, can affect her right under this law; and while his bad conduct might have subjected him to charges, trial, conviction and expulsion, yet, as he died with no charges preferred against him, and in good financial standing in the Lodge, his widow is entitled to the benefits. The further provision of the law that the benefits shall continue to be paid "as long as she remains the widow of an Odd Fellow, and maintains a good character," has application only to what may occur after her husband's death, and does not permit an inquiry into her conduct before that time, when she sustained no legal relation to the Lodge.

It is a sufficient answer to the argument of the Appeal Committee of the Grand Lodge of California, to say that it ignores entirely the clear language of the law, and that while their reflections upon the conduct of this appellant before her marriage, may be entirely just, yet there is not the slightest evidence, nor the pretense of an allegation, that since her husband's death the appellant has done anything to forfeit her claim to the benefits she became entitled to when he died.

Your committee unanimously recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the appeal of Mrs. AUGUSTE HAEFKE from the action of the Grand Lodge of California, in sustaining the action of Woodland Lodge, No. 111, I. O. O. F., in refusing the benefits claimed by the appellant, be and is hereby sustained.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of California be directed to cause Woodland Lodge, No. 111, I. O. O. F., to pay to Mrs. AUGUSTE HAEFKE, within sixty days from this date, the amount of benefits due her according to this opinion and decree.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. WRIGHT, J. W. STEBBINS, WM. H. COMLEY,
W. L. KUYKENDALL, O. A. JANES, WM. W. MORRIS,
JOHN B. GOODWIN.

Rep. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance present herewith the report of the Sub-Committee, to whom was intrusted the duty of auditing the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

The Sub-Committee on Finance respectfully report having carefully examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, for the fiscal year closing August 15th, 1888, and submit the following as a condensed statement of the same:

The receipts by the Grand Treasurer from the Grand Secretary amounted to $53,481.47 during the year.

There was paid out by the Grand Treasurer, upon 301 vouchers, the sum of $49,484.63. The excess of receipts over the payments during the year amounted to $3,996.84.

1887. RECEIPTS.

August 20.	Cash balance at this date	$25,819 06
1888.		
August 15.	Interest on United States bonds	2,297 23
" "	Proceeds of sale of United States bonds	5,500 00
" "	Premiums received on above	877 50
" "	Received from Theo. A. Ross, Grand Secretary, receipts from all sources during the year	44,806 74
	Balance and receipts together	$79,300 53

1888. PAYMENTS.

August 15.	On vouchers from No. 3831 to No. 4132, inclusive, being for the current expenses of the fiscal year from August 20th, 1887, to August 15th, 1888, inclusive	$49,484 63
" "	Cash balance in the hands of Isaac A. Sheppard, Grand Treasurer	29,815 90
	Total	$79,300 53

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

The available assets, the property of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in the keeping of your Grand Treasurer, are as follows:

1888.		
August 15.	Cash balance in treasury	$29,815 90
	United States 4½ per cent. registered bonds, par	13,300 00
	United States 4½ per cent. coupon bonds, par	37,000 00
	Total	$80,115 90

Which is $1,503.16 less than at last report, in 1887.

The accounts, according to the books of the Grand Secretary, THEO. A. Ross, exhibit the entire assets of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, on August 15th, 1888, to consist of:

Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer ($29,775.90, and $40.00 received after the books of the Grand Secretary were balanced)	$29,815 90
United States bonds at par	50,300 00
Steel and electrotype plates	10,807 75
Library, cost of binding books	1,018 38
Grand Lodge building in Baltimore, cost	4,781 32
Supplies on hand at cost	12,089 84
Paintings and furniture	8,792 16
Balances due	1,007 08
	$118,612 43

Increase of assets over 1887, $482.37.

In consequence of the session of 1888 being held in Los Angeles, California, the Grand Secretary found it necessary, in order to get the reports printed in time to forward by railroad to the place of meeting, to close the books on the 15th day of August, the accounts thereby lacking a few days of an entire year.

Your committee find that the expenses of the sixty-third session, held at Denver, were $37,667.21; exceeding by amount of $4,842.80, the expenditures for the session of 1886, held at Boston.

Of the aggregate sum appropriated at the annual session of 1887, to defray the expenses of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, there was, at the close of the year, an unexpended balance of $1,530.87, which, according to the usual custom, merges.

M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,
JAMES B. BLANKS,
Sub-Committee on Finance.

Columbus, Sept. 1st, 1888.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Richards Muckle, George W. Dilks, Lester S. Hill,
George W. Goss, James B. Blanks, Walter E. Carlin,
W. K. Makemson, Chas. H. Randall, Wm. R. Dunbar.

Rep. Morris, of Kentucky, moved that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, which was agreed to, and the Grand Sire accordingly declared the Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Wednesday, September 19th, 1888—9 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

JOHN H. WHITE.....Grand Sire.
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD.....Deputy Grand Sire.
THEO. A. ROSS.....Grand Secretary.
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD.....Grand Treasurer.
ALLEN JENCKES.....Assistant Grand Secretary.
Rev. J. W. VENABLE.....Grand Chaplain.
JOHN H. ALBIN.....Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
WALTER G. DYE.....Grand Guardian.
W. H. FRAZIER.....Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

James B. Nicholson.....Pennsylvania.
James P. Sanders.....New York.
E. D. Farnsworth.....California.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Marshal, by order, examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, Grand Chaplain.

The Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the Grand Sire, declared the Lodge open for business.

Rep. POWERS, of Iowa, moved that the reading of the Journal of yesterday be dispensed with, and the Journal, as printed, be approved, which was adopted.

The jurisdictions were called, when

Rep. PETTIT, of Florida, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

WHEREAS, Cuba Lodge, No. 3, and Regla, No. 6, of Cuba, were transferred to the jurisdiction of Florida, by order of the Grand Sire, dated February 8th, 1887; and

WHEREAS, Grand Master, A. DE LONO, of Florida, accepted jurisdiction and notified said Lodges to elect Representatives to the Grand Lodge of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Cuba Lodge, No. 3, did elect JOAQUIN LANCIS a Representative, and he did attend the session of the Grand Lodge of Florida, held at Tallahassee, April 12th, 13th and 14th, and received mileage and per diem from said Grand Lodge, amounting to sixty-nine dollars and eighty-five cents ($69.85); and

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Florida and the said Cuban Lodges, did, owing to the conclusions reached by the Committee on Foreign Relations, share in the same doubt as to the authority of the Grand Lodge of Florida over said Cuban Lodges (*see* page 10,932, Journal, 1887); and

WHEREAS, The said Cuban Lodges did contribute to the Sovereign Grand Lodge funds, by payment of percentage tax, and not pay dues or in any way contribute to the funds of the Grand Lodge of Florida; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the mileage and per diem paid by the Grand Lodge of Florida to JOAQUIN LANCIS, amounting to sixty-nine dollars and eighty-five cents, be and is hereby ordered paid from the funds of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Rep. WATSON, of Florida, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Florida, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. HOLMES, of Iowa, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

WHEREAS, This Sovereign Grand Lodge has authorized and requested the observance of a "Memorial Day;" and

WHEREAS, Great difficulty is experienced by many Lodges in properly observing such day, for want of a Ritual or Guide for such services; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to prepare and report at the next session of this Grand Body, a Ritual or Guide for Memorial Day, the same to be furnished to the several Grand Jurisdictions in the same manner as that for Anniversary Day is now furnished.

Rep. KELSEY, of Kansas, submitted the following:

SHAWNEE LODGE, No. 1, I. O. O. F.
Topeka, Kansas, August 28th, 1888.

J. S. Collins, Esq., P. G., I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—On receipt of the letter from you to Shawnee Lodge, No. 1, in regard to inviting the Sovereign Grand Lodge to Topeka, in 1889, it was moved and carried that Shawnee Lodge desires to indorse the same, and the Secretary was instructed to write to that effect under the seal of the Lodge.

Respectfully yours in F., L. and T.,
H. D. BRAND, *Recording Secretary.*

TOPEKA LODGE, No. 40, I. O. O. F.
Topeka, Kansas, September 5th, 1888.

Mr. J. S. Collins:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—By a unanimous vote of the members of Topeka Lodge, No. 40, numbering 165 members, I have been instructed to ask you to request our Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge to use their utmost influence towards securing the location of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the city of Topeka, for the year 1889.

Yours fraternally,
W. L. ROOT, *Secretary.*

EUGENE LODGE, No. 79, I. O. O. F.
North Topeka, Kansas, September 6th, 1888.

J. S. Collins, Topeka, Kansas:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—At a regular meeting of Eugene Lodge, No. 79, I. O. O. F., a resolution was passed declaring it to be the unanimous desire of Eugene Lodge to have the Sovereign Grand Lodge meet in Topeka in 1889, if it is possible for Topeka to secure such meeting; and the Secretary was directed to notify you of such desire.

Yours in F., L. and T.,
D. N. BURDGE, *Recording Secretary.*

NORTHCRAFT LODGE, No. 228, I. O. O. F.
Topeka, Kansas, September 1st, 1888.

J. S. Collins, Esq., City:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Yours of August 25th was received, and the following action was taken on same last evening, at a regular session of our Lodge. The matter was brought up, and it was the unanimous desire of this Lodge to have our Representatives instructed to do all in their power towards procuring the meeting of that Honorable Body (the Sovereign Grand Lodge) in Topeka in 1889, and I will guarantee that this Lodge will do all in its power to make the contemplated meeting a success, if we should succeed in having them meet here.

Hoping this will meet your approval, I remain

Yours in F., L. and T.,
W. A. RENO, *Secretary.*

SHAWNEE ENCAMPMENT, No. 3, I. O. O. F.
Topeka, Kansas, September 7th, 1888.

J. S. Collins:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—At our last regular meeting, held on the 6th instant, the Scribe was instructed to reply to yours of late date, and earnestly request you and the Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., to use your best and most earnest endeavors to secure the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1889, to be held in the city of Topeka, Kansas.

Hoping that you may succeed in this, I have the honor to be

Yours fraternally,
R. A. RANDLETT, *Scribe.*

Topeka, Kansas, September 8th, 1888.

Chevalier James S. Collins:

Replying to your favor of the 25th ultimo, I desire to say that at a special Cantonment, held at Headquarters of Canton Topeka, No. 3, on September 6th, by unanimous vote, our Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge were requested to extend a cordial invitation to the Sovereign Grand Lodge to hold their next meeting at Topeka, Kansas.

Hoping their action may be crowned with success, we are,

Chivalrously,

I. E. GORHAM, *Clerk.*

Atchison, Kansas, September 17th, 1888.

To J. S. Collins, Los Angeles:

The Sovereign Grand Lodge is cordially invited to hold its next session in Topeka, and the use of Representatives' Hall tendered for that purpose. All the people of Topeka join cordially in this invitation.

JNO. A. MARTIN, *Governor.*

Rep. FALLASS, of Michigan, by instruction of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Resolved, That the Committee on Legislation be instructed to prepare and report, during the present session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, appropriate legislation making elective the office of Warden in Subordinate Lodges.

Rep. PARKER, of New Jersey, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Resolved, That it shall be lawful for any State Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment to provide, by appropriate legislation, that any member of the Order who shall become an inmate of any home for aged and indigent Odd Fellows, shall thereby relinquish all claims for weekly benefits from his Lodge or Encampment, during the time he shall be such inmate.

Rep. TWEEDALE, of Oregon, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Representatives from Oregon, under instructions from the Grand Lodge of Oregon, submit the following:

The Grand Lodge of Oregon permitted one of its Subordinates to meet semi-monthly, but neglected to lengthen the term of such Lodge so as to enable the officers thereof to serve the requisite number of nights to entitle them to the honors of the Order. Such Lodge, accordingly, held its meetings semi-monthly, and three of its members earned, or thought they earned, by faithful service, the Past Grand's Degree, and two of them received the Grand Lodge Degree. Wherefore, it is asked that the action of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, in conferring the Grand Lodge Degree on the members referred to, be legalized by this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted.

W. C. TWEEDALE,
R. ALEXANDER,
Representatives from Oregon.

Rep. MAKEMSON, of Texas, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order are hereby requested to examine the Funeral Ceremony prescribed for Subordinate Lodges, and report whether or not, in their judgment, the same should be revised.

The Grand Sire announced the following:

Special Committee on the Death of Past Grand Sire Stokes, and Past Grand Representatives.—Reps. WRIGHT, of Pennsylvania; GMELICH, of Missouri; HEDGES, of Ohio; GWINN, of Idaho; STEBBINS, of New York.

Special Committee on Revision of the German Ritual.—Reps. BLOCK, of Iowa; GRASSMANN, of New Jersey; LOEB, of Montana.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the reports of committees as they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 11,243, from the Committee on Appeals, dismissing the appeal of E. A. STEVENS, P. G. Rep., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,244, from the same committee, sustaining the appeal of W. W. STELL, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,246, from the same committee, sustaining the appeal of JOHN T. GIVEN, P. G. Rep., from the action of the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,247, from the same committee, dismissing the appeal of MRS. ADDIE PRYOR, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, detailing the proceedings of the committee during the recess, providing for the issue of a new Digest, bound Journals, etc., was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,248, from the Committee on Appeals, postponing, until the next session, final action on the appeal of JAMES J. ASHMAN, Jr., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,249, from the same committee, sustaining the appeal of EMILE WELTE, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,250, from the same committee, sustaining the appeal of JAMES J. COOPER, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,251, from the same committee, sustaining the appeal of HARPER WILSON, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,252, from the same committee, dismissing the appeal of JOHN MCVAY, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, dismissing the appeal of CHARLES B. R. COLLEDGE, from the action of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,254, from the same committee, sustaining the appeal of Newark Lodge, No. 8, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. ISZARD, of New Jersey, moved the following substitute for the resolution reported by the committee: "That the appeal of Newark Lodge, No. 8, be dismissed," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report of the committee, it was adopted.

The next report, page 11,255, from the same committee, dismissing the appeal of GEORGE PASCOE, from the action of the Grand Encampment of Montana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,256, from the same committee, dismissing the appeal of SAMUEL F. GWINNER, P. G. M., P. G. Rep., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,285, from the High Commission, approving the legislation determined on by the Military Council, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed for the present, which was agreed to.

The next report, page 11,298, from the Committee on Consti-

tutions, approving the amended Constitutions of the Grand Lodges of Ohio and Dakota, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, reciting the subjects requiring action by the Grand Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,299, from the Committee on Appeals, dismissing the appeal of GEORGE DEAN, P. G. M., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,300, from the same committee, dismissing the appeal of WILLIAM H. WELDON, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces, and giving his card vitality as of the date the same was deposited in Pioneer Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,301, from the same committee, dismissing the appeal of Friendship Lodge, No. 20, of Cambridgeport, Massachusetts, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,302, from the same committee, sustaining the appeal of Mrs. AUGUSTE HAEFKE, from the action of the Grand Lodge of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,304, from the Committee on Finance, submitting the report of the Sub-Committee, on the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, etc., was considered and adopted.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved that the Grand Lodge consider the pending amendments to the Constitution, which was agreed to.

The first proposition, page 10,955, Journal, as follows, was considered:

Resolved, That Section 2, Article XVI., of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males, of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of eighteen years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, however*, that when the applicant is not of lawful age, he shall first secure and present in writing, with his petition for membership, the consent of his father or legal guardian; *and provided further*, that in Australia, New Zealand and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation.

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment,

Rep. CARLETON, of Texas, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the proposed amendment?" which was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Anderson, Atkins, Aydelott, Barnes, Barry, Bertram, Blanks, Block, Bradshaw, Brainard, Brown (2 votes), Bryant, Bucher, Campbell, Clark of Minnesota, Clark of Wisconsin, Cobb, Codding (2 votes), Coleman (2 votes), Cooper, Crichlow, Crosett, Curler, De Mars, Dilks, Dorsett, Dufour, Dunbar, Dutemple (2 votes), Edwards (2 votes), Ellingham (2 votes), Forney, Gibson of Nebraska, Gipson, Gmelich, Goodwin, Graham, Grassman, Hart, Hedges (2 votes), Hedrick, Heitman, Hill of Virginia, Hockin, Hoge, Holmes, Iszard, Janes, Jones, Kelsey, Kenner (2 votes), Kidder, Kines, Loeb, Mack, Maguire, McColl, McIntosh Metschan, Milice, Minta, Morris, Newsalt, Oliver, Parker of Ohio, Pettit, Petty, Pinkham, Powers, Rae of Ontario, Redheffer, Robbe, Robertson, Rogers, Ruby, Semmes, Shaw, Sheridan, Slack (2 votes), Smith of Dakota (2 votes), Smith of Missouri, Stebbins, Stratton, Tucker, Tweedale, Voegtle, Watson, Weaver, Whepley, Whipple, Young—101.

NAYS.—Reps. Alexander, Busbee, Carleton, Carlin, Celley, Cockburn, Coe, Comley, Dean (2 votes), Deubert, Dilcher, Fallass, Gibson of Texas, Gifford, Glidden, Goss, Grant of Kentucky (2 votes), Henry, Hill of Massachusetts, Hill of New Hampshire, Hirst, Jewell, Kabis, Keith, Kendall, Kent, Kuykendall, Makemson, McMurphey, Merrill, Merriman, Miller, Orendorff, Parker of New Jersey, Price, Prickett, Randall, Rea of Pennsylvania, Reedy (2 votes), Robinson, Smith of New Hampshire, Smith of New Jersey, Taber, Terry, Tuttle, Wilson, Woodnorth, Wright—51.

The next proposition, page 10,955, Journal, as follows, was considered:

Resolved, That Section 4, Article I., of the Constiution of this Grand Lodge, be amended so as to read as follows:

With the consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of a State, District or Territory, an appeal may be had by any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment to the Sovereign Grand Lodge; such consent, however, not being necessary when an expelled Lodge or Encampment, after having surrendered to its Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment all its effects, appeals from such decision. Appeals may also be heard from a member or members of a State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment from the decision thereof; but in all cases the decision of the State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be final and conclusive until reversed by this Grand Lodge on a direct appeal therefrom. All appeals to the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be subject to such general regulations as it may adopt.

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Alexander, Anderson, Atkins, Aydelott, Barnes, Barry, Bertram, Blanks, Brainard (2 votes), Brown, Bryant, Bucher, Busbee, Carleton, Carlin, Celley, Clark of Minnesota, Clark of Wisconsin, Cobb, Cockburn, Coe, Cooper, Crichlow, Dean (2 votes), De Mars, Deubert, Dilcher, Dilks, Dorsett, Dufour, Dunbar, Edwards, Fallass, Forney, Gibson of Nebraska, Gibson of Texas (2 votes), Gifford, Gipson, Glidden, Gmelich (2 votes), Goss, Grant of Kentucky (2 votes), Grassmann, Hart, Hedges (2 votes), Hedrick, Henry, Hill of Massachusetts, Hill of New Hampshire, Hill of Virginia, Hirst, Hockin, Hoge, Holmes (2 votes), Janes, Jewell, Kabis, Keith (2 votes), Kendall, Kenner (2 votes), Kent, Kidder, Kines, Kuykendall, Loeb, Maguire, McColl, McIntosh, McMurphey, Merrill, Metschan, Milice, Miller (2 votes), Minta, Morris, Newsalt, Oliver (2 votes), Parker of New Jersey, Parker of Ohio (2 votes), Pinkham, Prickett, Randall (2 votes), Rea of Pennsylvania (2 votes), Redheffer, Reedy, Robbe, Robbins (2 votes), Robertson (2 votes), Robinson, Rogers, Ruby, Semmes, Shaw, Slack (2 votes), Smith of Dakota (2 votes), Smith of Missouri, Smith of New Hampshire, Smith of New Jersey, Stebbins, Stratton, Taber, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, Tweedale, Watson, Weaver, Whipple (2 votes), Wilson, Woodnorth, Young—130.

NAYS.—Reps. Codding (2 votes), Ellingham (2 votes), Heitman, Mack (2 votes)—7.

The next proposition, page 10,973, Journal, as follows, was considered:

Amend Section 2, Article XVI., of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, by inserting after the word "age," in the eighth line thereof, the words "and color," so that the article shall read as follows:

Article XVI., Section 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, however*, that in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualifications as to age and color shall be left to local legislation.

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment,

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

The next proposition, page 10,998, Journal, as follows, was considered:

Resolved, That Article IX. of the Constitution of this Sovereign Grand Lodge be amended by striking out the whole of Section 2, and inserting the following:

Section 2. Grand Representatives shall be apportioned as follows, viz.: To every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction fifteen hundred or less members in good standing, one Grand Representative; to every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over fifteen hundred and not more than twenty-five thousand members in good standing, two Grand Representatives; to every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over twenty-five thousand members

in good standing, three Grand Representatives; and no State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than three Grand Representatives.

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment,

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

The next proposition, page 11,015, Journal, as follows, was considered:

Resolved, That Section 2, Article IX., of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended by striking out, in the fourth line, after the word "Representative," the words (fifth line) "State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment (sixth line), having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good (seventh line) standing, two Grand Representatives; and no State, District or (eighth line) Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have over (ninth line) two Grand Representatives," so that the article will read as follows:

Article IX., Section 2. Grand Representatives shall be apportioned as follows, viz.: To every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing, one Grand Representative; and no State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have over one Grand Representative.

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment,

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

The Grand Sire presented the following:

Los Angeles, September 19th, 1888.

To the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire and the Members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

I have the honor hereby to extend a most cordial invitation to you and your friends to be present at Camp Los Angeles, of the Patriarchs Militant, this Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock, to witness a dress parade of the Second Regiment, First Brigade, of this Grand Department; also to be present at the Academy of Music this evening to witness the Competitive Drills of Cantons and Chevaliers; time, 8 o'clock. Please note that a change of these drills from Armory Hall to the Academy of Music has been made.

Truly and chivalrously.

E. K. RUSSELL,

Brigadier Commanding the Grand Department of the Pacific.

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, moved that the invitation be accepted with the thanks of the Grand Lodge, which was agreed to.

Also, the following, which was accepted with the thanks of the Grand Lodge:

Los Angeles, Cal., September 19th, 1888.

Officers and Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and Visiting Odd Fellows:

The Los Angeles and Glendale Railway Company tender you free transportation to Glendale and return, on any and all trains during this week. Tickets will be furnished to you at depot on your presentation of Lodge badge.

H. J. CROW,
for JOHN CROSS,
President Los Angeles and Glendale Railroad.

Rep. CARLIN, of Illinois, laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That Article IX. of the Constitution of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, be amended by striking out the whole of Section 2, and inserting the following:

Section 2. Grand Representatives shall be apportioned as follows, viz.: To every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction fifteen hundred or less members in good standing, one Grand Representative; to every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over fifteen hundred members in good standing, two Grand Representatives, and no State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than two Grand Representatives.

WALTER E. CARLIN, of Illinois.
GEORGE WHIPPLE, of Iowa.
B. S KEITH, of Connecticut.
CHARLES F. PRICKETT, of Illinois.

Rep. CARLETON, of Texas, moved that the Grand Secretary's desk be extended forward, so as to be from under the gallery, which was agreed to.

The Chair presented to the members a large basket of handsome flowers for buttonhole bouquets, the gift of the Daughters of Rebekah of Los Angeles.

Rep. HILL, of Massachusetts, moved that the flowers be accepted with the thanks of the Grand Lodge, which was agreed to.

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, moved that the Grand Lodge be now resolved in secret session, which was agreed to.

After some time passed in secret session, the ordinary business session was resumed.

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Resolved, That at the burial of a deceased Brother the accompanying ode may be sung while the grave is being filled:

ODE.

WORDS BY CHARLES WOLFORD, P. G. REP.

[To be sung while the grave is being filled.]

AIR—Bethany: "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

As falls the autumn leaf
'Neath winter's breath,
So falls the son of man,
Stricken by death.
Father, at Thy command,
Obedient to Thy will,
We yield our treasures up,
Trusting Thee still.

Brother, with saddened hearts,
Hither we come,
Bearing thy manly form
To its last home.
Pulseless the generous heart,
Dormant the potent will,
Nerveless the open hand,
Nerveless and still.

When o'er thy silent grave
Eve's shadows creep,
Fond memory ever will
Her vigils keep.
Thunders may peal above,
Storms o'er thee madly sweep,
Yet undisturbed will be
Thy dreamless sleep.

Rep. DUTEMPLE, of Rhode Island, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That it shall be lawful for Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, whenever their regular meetings fall upon legally established or generally recognized holidays, to omit such sessions.

Rep. DUTEMPLE, of Rhode Island, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition asking for the establishment of Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 1, Battleford, Saskatchewan District, N. W. Territories, Canada, have examined the papers and recommend the following:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Officers in the premises be approved, and that the Charter for said Lodge be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. DUTEMPLE, C. H. DORSETT, FRANCIS M. REA,
D. A. BUCHER, J. T. HEDRICK, HIRAM HILL,
FRANCIS E. MERRIMAN, JAMES G. MAGUIRE, C. D. ANDERSON.

Rep. DORSETT, of Georgia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom were referred the petitions asking for the establishment of the following Lodges, to wit, Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 6, at Lehigh, Indian Territory, and South Canadian Lodge, No. 7, at South Canadian, Indian Territory, would respectfully report that they have examined the papers submitted and find them correct. They also find therefrom that the Charters for said Lodges were duly issued and that the Lodges have been instituted, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Officers in the above cases be approved, and that the Charters for the above-named Lodges be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. DORSETT, WM R. DUTEMPLE, HIRAM HILL,
D. A. BUCHER, J. T. HEDRICK, FRANCIS M. REA,
JAMES G. MAGUIRE, FRANCIS E. MERRIMAN, C. D. ANDERSON.

Rep. DORSETT, of Georgia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition asking for the establishment of a Lodge, to be located at Zutphen, Kingdom of Netherlands, Europe, to be known as Prins Hendrik Lodge, No. 3, would respectfully report that they have examined the papers submitted and find them correct. They also find that the Charter for said Lodge was issued July 19th, 1888. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Officers be approved and the Charter for the above named Lodge be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. DORSETT, WM. R. DUTEMPLE, HIRAM HILL,
D. A. BUCHER, J. T. HEDRICK, FRANCIS M. REA,
JAMES G. MAGUIRE, FRANCIS E. MERRIMAN, C. D. ANDERSON.

Rep. DUTEMPLE, of Rhode Island, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition to establish Friendship Lodge, No. 8, to be located at Krebs, Indian Territory, find the papers in proper form and offer the following:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that a Charter be issued to said Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. DUTEMPLE, C. H. DORSETT, FRANCIS M. REA,
D. A. BUCHER, J. T. HEDRICK, HIRAM HILL,
FRANCIS E. MERRIMAN, JAMES G. MAGUIRE, C. D. ANDERSON.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, from the Committee on Ap-

peals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of GEORGE IRELAND BEALE from the action of Nevada Lodge, No. 7, for expelling him, to "the Grand Master of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.," would respectfully report that it is not an appeal upon which they can act, having no jurisdiction of matters coming up in that manner.

They therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the case.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STEBBINS, O. A. JANES, J. B. KENNER,
W. L. KUYKENDALL, M. D. BRAINARD, WM. H. COMLEY,
R. E. WRIGHT, W. W. MORRIS.

Rep. CODDING, of Kansas, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Returns, having examined the following Grand Lodge reports, find the same correct: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, British Columbia, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Dakota, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Lower Provinces, B. N. A., Maine, Manitoba, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Ontario, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Switzerland, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. CODDING, FREEMAN T. MERRILL, A. S. MILICE,
J. FRANK GRANT, J. BARTON SMITH, JOHN A. GLIDDEN,
ISAAC H. COE, A. G. SMITH, J. F. CROSETT.

Rep. MERRILL, of Maine, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Returns, to whom were referred the annual reports of Grand Lodges concerning Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah, respectfully report that they have examined the returns of the following jurisdictions, and find them all correct: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, British Columbia, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Dakota, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Indian Territory (under Sovereign Grand Lodge), Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Lower Provinces, B. N. A, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan and Minnesota.

Respectfully submitted,

FREEMAN T. MERRILL, J. FRANK GRANT, J. S CODDING,
J. F. CROSETT, J. BARTON SMITH, ABBOTT G. SMITH,
JOHN A. GLIDDEN, A. S. MILICE, ISAAC H. COE.

Rep. OLIVER, of Ontario, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the By-Laws of Concorde Lodge, No. 1, Havre, France, beg leave to report that they have examined said By-Laws, and make the following amendments and additions: Part 1, Article I., in second line, after the word "members," add the words "of the Degree of Truth." Article III., after the word "members," add the words "of the Degree of Truth." Article V., strike out all after the word "discontinued." Part 3, Article III., strike out all after the word "re-elected." Strike out all of Article XX. Part 5, Article III., in second line, strike out after the word "during" the word "six" and insert the word "twelve." Article VII., after the word "Franc," in third line, strike out balance of Article VII. Second Section, Rules of Order, Article VI., strike out all after the word "during," in first line, and insert the word "initiation." With the above amendments we recommend they be approved.

Your committee also approve of the amendments to the By-Laws of Las Vegas Encampment, No. 2, East Las Vegas, New Mexico; the amendments to By-Laws of Cyclone Lodge, No. 3, McAlester Mines, Indian Territory; the By-Laws of South Canadian Lodge, No. 8, Indian Territory; the By-Laws of Valdemar Encampment, No. 1, Knud Lavard, No. 2, and Niels Ebbesens Encampment, No. 3, Denmark, with the following amendments: Chapter 4, strike out Section 7 and insert the following: "A Patriarch suspended for non-payment of dues can be admitted by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, in one year after suspension, on payment of one year's dues. After one year from date of the suspension he may be re-instated on payment of the fee charged for an initiate of the same age. An expelled member may be re-admitted in accordance with Article V., Section 6, of the Constitution, on payment of 30K; and if he is more than fifty, he must further pay 5K." Chapter 6, 314, in last line, after the word "least," strike out the word "the," and after the word "seven," in same line, strike out the word "last." Chapter 9, 331, strike out all after the word "Copenhagen."

Your committee also approve the By-Laws of Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 6, Indian Territory, with the following amendments: Section 3, in seventh line, strike out the words "except those mentioned in the foregoing paragraph." Article XI, Section 1, in thirteenth line, strike out the words "the above" and insert "Withdrawal." Same line, strike out the word "to" and insert the words "can only." Also, in the sixteenth line, same section, add after the word "ballot" the words "Visiting Cards may be issued by the Noble Grand and Secretary in the recess of this Lodge." Your committee also approve of the Constitution and By-Laws of Independence Degree Lodge, No. 2, Daughters of Rebekah, McAlester, Indian Territory, with the following amendments: Article II., Section 1, strike out the whole of this section and insert the following: "All persons qualified to receive the same by the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge." Section 4, ninth line, after the word "writing," strike out the words "as soon as" and insert the following, "at the next regular meeting or as soon thereafter as." Same section, fourteenth line, strike out the words "the committee may recommend," and insert in the sixteenth line, after the word "Lodge," the word "shall." Article VI., Section 1, in fourth line, strike out the word "first" and insert the word "last." Sixth line, strike out the words "or at the last meeting in those months." Same section, strike out all after the word "December."

Your committee also approve of the By-Laws of Pushmataha Encampment, No. 2, Lehigh, Indian Territory; also the By-Laws of Saskatchewan Lodge,

No. 1, Battleford, N. W. Territories, Canada, with the following amendments: Article III., strike out all after the word "sick," in the tenth line, down to the word "the." In the nineteenth line, Article XII., Section 3, strike out the last two lines. Article XIII, strike out down to the word "Card," in fourth line, and insert instead the following: "Clearance Cards can be granted only in open Lodge, on a vote by ball ballot, and on payment of two dollars and fifty cents therefor. Visiting Cards may be granted in open Lodge, or by the Noble Grand and Recording Secretary, to members in good standing, when application for the same is made to them in writing, upon the payment of one dollar." Article XIV., in tenth line, strike out the words "if practicable." Strike out the whole of Section 5, Article XVII. Section 6, Article XVII, strike out the whole of the last two lines. Strike out the prayers on page 41 and insert those on page 9147 of the Journal of the S. G. L. Strike out the words on page 43, Rules of Order No. 2, in the ninth line, "which question shall be taken by the Noble Grand."

Your committee also approve the Constitution of Hidalgo Encampment, No. 1, of the city of Mexico, Mexico, with the following amendments: Article VI., Clause 3, in tenth line, after the words "number of," add the words "Patriarchs relieved by the Encampment in the past year, the number of." Article X, in the sixth line, after the word "such," add the word "other." By-Laws, Section 29, strike out of the sixth line the following: "And Grand Secretary. or by the Representative of the Sovereign Grand Lodge." On pages 15 and 22, strike out the words "approval of the D. D. Grand Sire for Mexico."

Your committee also approve of the amendment to the By-Laws of Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, Honolulu, Sandwich Islands.

Your committee also approve of the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Colorado; the amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Virginia; the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and offer the following:

Resolved, That the Constitutions and By-Laws of the several Subordinates and State Grand Bodies, with the changes named above, be and the same are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH OLIVER, GEO. WHIPPLE, C. B. EDWARDS,
G. W. LEE, J. B. SHERIDAN, JOHN G. DEUBERT,
W. W. HENRY.

Rep. OLIVER, of Ontario, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, have examined the same and would recommend its approval. Your committee have also examined the amendments to the By-Laws of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, S. I., and recommend their approval.

Resolved, That the same be and are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH OLIVER, J. B. SHERIDAN, C. B. EDWARDS,
GEO. W. LEE, WM. W. HENRY, GEO. WHIPPLE,
JOHN G. DEUBERT, LE F. A. SHAW, W. J. BRADSHAW.

Rep. BRADSHAW, of Mississippi, from the same committee,

made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the amended Constitutions of the Grand Encampment of Kansas, and the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Michigan, report that we have examined the same and find nothing contained therein to conflict with the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

We therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the amended Constitutions of the above named Grand Encampments and Grand Lodge be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. BRADSHAW,	GEO. W. LEE,	C. B. EDWARDS,
JOSEPH OLIVER,	LE F. A. SHAW,	J. B. SHERIDAN,
GEO. WHIPPLE.		

Rep. HENRY, of Vermont, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas, having examined the same, find it in conformity with existing law, and recommend its approval.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. W. HENRY,	JOSEPH OLIVER,	JOHN G. DEUBERT,
J. B. SHERIDAN,	GEO. WHIPPLE,	W. J. BRADSHAW,
C. B. EDWARDS,	GEO. W. LEE,	LE F. A. SHAW.

Rep. HENRY, of Vermont, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, having examined the same, find it in conformity with existing law, and recommend its approval.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. W. HENRY,	JOSEPH OLIVER,	J. B. SHERIDAN,
JOHN G. DEUBERT,	W. J. BRADSHAW,	GEO. WHIPPLE,
GEO. W. LEE,	C. B. EDWARDS,	LE F. A. SHAW.

Rep. HENRY, of Vermont, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, having ex-

amined the same, find it in conformity with existing law, and recommend its approval.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. W. HENRY,	JOSEPH OLIVER,	JOHN G. DEUBERT,
J. B. SHERIDAN,	GEO. WHIPPLE,	W. J. BRADSHAW,
C. B. EDWARDS,	GEO. W. LEE,	LE F. A. SHAW.

Rep. SHERIDAN, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, would report that we have carefully examined the same and find it in harmony with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge; therefore,

Resolved, That the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey be and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SHERIDAN,	JOSEPH OLIVER,	WM. W. HENRY,
GEO. WHIPPLE,	W. J. BRADSHAW	JOHN G. DEUBERT,
C. B. EDWARDS,	GEO. W. LEE,	LE F. A. SHAW.

Rep. SHERIDAN, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendment to Article VIII., Section 1, Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, find the same conforms to the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Lodge, and therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Georgia be and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SHERIDAN,	JOSEPH OLIVER,	WM. W. HENRY,
GEO. WHIPPLE,	W. J. BRADSHAW,	JOHN G. DEUBERT,
C. B. EDWARDS,	GEO. W. LEE,	LE F. A. SHAW.

Rep. VOEGTLE, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem herewith present a tabular statement of the mileage and per diem allowed each officer and Representative, according to the resolution adopted at the present session.

We submit the following:

Resolved, That the mileage and per diem in the accompanying table, accredited to each officer and Representative, are hereby ordered to be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH VOEGTLE,	J. K. POWERS,	H. J. RICE,
ALBERT F. RICHARDSON,	RUFUS B. GIFFORD,	A. L. HILL,
A. H. GUTHRIE.		

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

Names.	Place of Nativity.	Profession.	Town or Post Office.	State.	Miles Traveled.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
GRAND OFFICERS.									
White, John H., G. Sire.....	New York..	Lawyer	Albion.....	New York..	2,819	6	$281 90	$30 00	$311 90
Underwood, J. C., D. G. Sire..	Dist. of Col.	Civil Engineer.....	Covington	Kentucky..	2,424	6	242 40	30 00	272 40
Ross, Theo. A., G. Sec.....	New Jersey	Grand Secretary...	Columbus.....	Ohio	2,479	6	247 90	30 00	277 90
Sheppard, Isaac A., G. Treas.	New Jersey	Manufacturer	Philadelphia...	Penna	3,026	6	302 60	30 00	332 60
Jenckes, Allen, Ass't G. Sec...	Rhode Isl'd	Ass't G. Secretary.	Columbus.....	Ohio	2,479	6	247 90	30 00	277 90
Venable, John W., G. Chap..	Dist. of Col	Clergyman.....	Hopkinsville...	Kentucky..	2,328	6	232 80	30 00	262 80
Albin, John H., G. Mar.....	Vermont ...	Lawyer	Concord	N. Hamp...	3,264	6	326 40	30 00	356 40
Dye, Walter G., G. Guardian.	New York..	Insurance.....	Winona.....	Minnesota..	2,287	6	228 70	30 00	258 70
Frazier, W. H., G. Messenger.	Dist. of Col.	Clerk	Washington	Dist. of Col	2,923	6	292 30	30 00	322 30
REPRESENTATIVES.									
Alexander, Reuben.....	Germany...	Merchant	Pendleton	Oregon	1,357	6	135 70	30 00	165 70
Alward, John B.....	Ohio.....	Insurance.....	Camden	Michigan ...	2,434	6	243 40	30 00	273 40
Anderson, C. D.....	Sweden	Grocer	Winnipeg.....	Manitoba ..	2,689	6	268 90	30 00	298 90
Atkins, Thomas J.....	Virginia....	Retired	Paducah.....	Kentucky..	2,119	6	211 90	30 00	241 90
Aydelott, James G.....	Tennessee...	Lawyer	Tullahoma	Tennessee..	2,252	6	225 20	30 00	255 20
Barnes, R. R.....	Canada	Stationer.....	St. John	N. Bruns'k	3,700	6	370 00	30 00	400 00
Barry, W. A.....	Tennessee ..	Ass't Cashier.....	Nashville.....	Tennessee...	2,183	6	218 30	30 00	248 30
Bertram, E. S.....	Ohio.....	Lawyer	Council Grove.	Kansas	1,701	6	170 10	30 00	200 10
Blanks, James B.....	Virginia....	Com. of Rev.....	Petersburg	Virginia....	2,832	6	283 20	30 00	313 20
Block, Herman.....	Germany...	Lawyer	Davenport.....	Iowa.....	2,142	6	214 20	30 00	244 20
Bobbitt, William A.....	N. Carolina	Tobacco Broker...	Oxford.....	N.Carolina	2,821	6	282 10	30 00	312 10
Bradshaw, William J.....	Ireland.....	Com'l Agent.....	Summit	Mississippi.	1,934	6	193 40	30 00	223 40
Brainard, M. D.....	New York..	Lawyer	Washington....	Dist. of Col.	2,923	6	292 30	30 00	322 30

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Brown, George W	Mass	Foreman	Providence	Rhode Isl'd	3,278	6	$327 80	$30 00	$357 80
Bryant, F. B	New York	Banker	Omaha	Nebraska	1,900	6	190 00	30 00	220 00
Bucher, D. A	Penna	Dentist	Bridgewater	Virginia	2,895	6	289 50	30 00	319 50
Busbee, Charles M	N. Carolina	Lawyer	Raleigh	N. Carolina	2,731	6	273 10	30 00	303 10
Campbell, C. T	Ontario	Physician	London	Ontario	2,658	6	265 80	30 00	295 80
Carleton, Fred	England	Lawyer	Austin	Texas	1,516	6	151 60	30 00	181 60
Carlin, Walter E	Illinois	Sec'y and Treas	Jerseyville	Illinois	2,082	6	208 20	30 00	238 20
Celley, Daniel P	N. Hamp	Blacksmith	St. Johnsbury	Vermont	3,283	6	328 30	30 00	358 30
Clark, Isaac F	New York	Merchant	Pine Island	Minnesota	2,254	6	225 40	30 00	255 40
Clark, John G	Illinois	Lawyer	Lancaster	Wisconsin	2,337	6	233 70	30 00	263 70
Cobb, Charles D	Missouri	Insurance	Denver	Colorado	1,362	6	136 20	30 00	166 20
Cockburn, J. C	Canada	Physician	Minneapolis	Minnesota	2,228	6	222 80	30 00	252 80
Codding, J. S	Ohio	Farmer	W. Moreland	Kansas	1,818	6	181 80	30 00	211 80
Coe, Isaac H	Conn	Insurance	Hartford	Conn	3,211	6	321 10	30 00	351 10
Coleman, Hamilton S	N. Carolina	Lawyer	Batesville	Arkansas	1,930	6	193 00	30 00	223 00
Comley, William H	England	Lawyer	Bridgeport	Conn	3,157	6	315 70	30 00	345 70
Cooper, Charles B	Ohio	R. R. Agent	Anderson	Indiana	2,331	6	233 10	30 00	263 10
Crichlow, James H	Tennessee	Merchant	Murfreesboro	Tennessee	2,216	6	221 60	30 00	251 60
Crosett, James F	Mass	Mining Agent	San Francisco	California	482	6	48 20	30 00	78 20
Curler, Benjamin	Vermont	Lawyer	Hawthorne	Nevada	740	6	74 00	30 00	104 00
Dean Richard	Maryland	Cornice Maker	Baltimore	Maryland	2,963	6	296 30	30 00	326 30
De Mars, F	New York	Merchant	Orangeburg	S. Carolina	2,479	6	247 90	30 00	277 90
Deubert, John G	Germany	Copper Refiner	New York	New York	3,101	6	310 10	30 00	340 10
Dilcher, Jacob	Buffalo	Accountant	Buffalo	New York	2,798	6	279 80	30 00	309 80
Dilks, George W	New Jersey	Gentleman	New York	New York	3,101	6	310 10	30 00	340 10

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Dorsett, Charles H.	Georgia	Real Estate	Savannah	Georgia	2,505	6	$250 50	$30 00	$280 50
Dufour, Oliver	Indiana	Merchant	Washington	Dist. of Col.	2,923	6	292 30	30 00	322 30
Dunbar, W. R	Illinois	Judge	Goldendale	Wash. Ter.	1,251	6	125 10	30 00	155 10
Dutemple, William R	Rhode Isl'd	Jeweler	Providence	Rhode Isl'd	3,278	6	327 80	30 00	357 80
Edwards, Cornelius B	N. Carolina	Printer	Raleigh	N. Carolina	2,731	6	273 10	30 00	303 10
Ellingham, William	Ireland	Merchant	Wheeling	W. Virginia	2,654	6	265 40	30 00	295 40
Fallass, Silas S	Michigan	Lawyer	Cadillac	Michigan	2,541	6	254 10	30 00	284 10
Forney, J. H	N. Carolina	Lawyer	Mt. Idaho	Idaho	1,620	6	162 00	30 00	192 00
Friedheim, J. B	N. Orleans	Lawyer	Camden	Arkansas	1,771	6	177 10	30 00	207 10
Gibson, Arthur	England	Stationer	Fremont	Nebraska	1,885	6	188 50	30 00	218 50
Gibson, Charles R	Alabama	Lawyer	Austin	Texas	1,516	6	151 60	30 00	181 60
Gifford, Rufus B	Mass	Builder	Salem	Mass	3,292	6	329 20	30 00	359 20
Gipson, A. E	Wisconsin	Horticulturist	Greeley	Colorado	1,435	6	143 50	30 00	173 50
Glidden, John A	N. Hamp	Undertaker	Dover	N Hamp	3,290	6	329 00	30 00	359 00
Gmelich, J. F	Germany	Jeweler	Boonville	Missouri	1,932	6	193 20	30 00	223 20
Goodwin, John B	Georgia	Lawyer	Atlanta	Georgia	2,290	6	229 00	30 00	259 00
Goss, George W	Maine	Bank Teller	Lewiston	Maine	3,420	6	342 00	30 00	372 00
Graham, Lewis	Missouri	Printer	New Orleans	Louisiana	1,967	6	196 70	30 00	226 70
Grant, Amandus N	Ohio	Lawyer	Kokomo	Indiana	2,314	6	231 40	30 00	261 40
Grant, J. Frank	Kentucky	Bank Cashier	Petersburg	Kentucky	2.397	6	239 70	30 00	269 70
Grassmann, August	Germany	Merchant	Hoboken	New Jersey	3,102	6	310 20	30 00	340 20
Greenfield, George	England	Merchant	Marshall	Michigan	2,439	6	243 90	30 00	273 90
Guthrie, Alexander	Delaware	Undertaker	Hockessin	Delaware	3,047	6	304 70	30 00	334 70
Gwinn, Montie B	Iowa	Merchant	Caldwell	Idaho	1,603	6	160 30	30 00	190 30
Hart, Isaac T	West Indies	Merchant	Woodville	Mississippi	1,930	6	193 00	30 00	223 00

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Hedges, Henry C	Ohio	Lawyer	Mansfield	Ohio	2,513	6	$251 30	$30 00	$281 30
Hedrick, J. T	Indiana	Merchant	Tecumseh	Nebraska	1,882	6	188 20	30 00	218 20
Heitman, Fred. M.	Germany	Brewer	Eureka	Nevada	970	6	97 00	30 00	127 00
Henry, William W	Vermont	Druggist	Burlington	Vermont	3,213	6	321 30	30 00	351 30
Hill, William M	Mass	Real Estate	Salem	Mass	3,292	6	329 20	30 00	359 20
Hill, Hiram	N. Hamp	Dentist	Manchester	N. Hamp	3,275	6	327 50	30 00	357 50
Hill, Lester S	Rhode Isl'd	Physician	Providence	Rhode Isl'd	3,278	6	327 80	30 00	357 80
Hill, A. L	N. Hamp	Merchant	Norfolk	Virginia	2,913	6	291 30	30 00	321 30
Hirst, Edwin	England	Optician	Wilmington	Delaware	3 032	6	303 20	30 00	333 20
Hockin, Robert	Canada	Manuf'g Agent	Pictou	NovaScotia	3,939	6	393 90	30 00	423 90
Hoge, Enos D	W. Virginia	Lawyer	Salt Lake City.	Utah	1,224	6	122 40	30 00	152 40
Holmes, William T	Michigan	Lumber Dealer	Brooklyn	Iowa	2,077	6	207 70	30 00	237 70
Iszard, William H	New Jersey	Physician	Camden	New Jersey	3,027	6	302 70	30 00	332 70
Janes, O. A	Wisconsin	Attorney	Hillsdale	Michigan	2,440	6	244 00	30 00	274 00
Jewell, Charles A	N. Hamp	Lawyer	Plymouth	N Hamp	3,335	6	333 50	30 00	363 50
Jones, John M	Maryland	Sec'y I. O. O. F.	Baltimore	Maryland	2,963	6	296 30	30 00	326 30
Kabis, Leopold	Germany	Merchant	Cheyenne	Wyoming	1,487	6	148 70	30 00	178 70
Keith, Bradley S	Conn	Foreman	Winnipauk	Conn	3,145	6	314 50	30 00	344 50
Kelsey, S. H	Indiana	Merchant	Atchison	Kansas	1,788	6	178 80	30 00	208 80
Kendall, Charles	New York	Insurance	Beloit	Wisconsin	2,254	6	225 40	30 00	255 40
Kenner, J. B	Maryland	Lawyer	Huntington	Indiana	2,349	6	234 90	30 00	264 90
Kent, Alex. J	New Jersey	Mining	Kingston	N. Mexico	835	6	83 50	30 00	113 50
Kidder, George B	New York	Lawyer	Star Prairie	Wisconsin	2,279	6	227 90	30 00	257 90
Kines, James	New York	Clergyman	Sherbrooke	Quebec	3,200	6	320 00	30 00	350 00
Kuykendall, William L	Missouri	Lawyer	Cheyenne	Wyoming	1,487	6	148 70	30 00	178 70

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Lang, A. F	New York..	Insurance	Parkersburg	W.Virginia	2,617	6	$261 70	$30 00	$291 70
Lee, George W	Maryland ..	Builder	Baltimore	Maryland ..	2,963	6	296 30	30 00	326 30
Loeb, Jacob	Germany...	Merchant	Helena	Montana ...	1,692	6	169 20	30 00	199 20
Long, D. B	Ohio	Banker	Ellsworth	Kansas	1,752	6	175 20	30 00	205 20
Mack, C. E	Wisconsin .	Lawyer	Virginia City..	Nevada	651	6	65 10	30 00	95 10
Maguire, James G	Mass	Judge	San Francisco..	California ..	482	6	48 20	30 00	78 20
Makemson, W. K	Illinois	Lawyer	Georgetown	Texas	1,545	6	154 50	30 00	184 50
McColl, William	England....	Merchant	N.Westminster	Brit. Col ...	1,472	6	147 20	30 00	177 20
McIntosh, William H	Mississippi	Lawyer	Mobile	Alabama ...	2,090	6	209 00	30 00	239 00
McMurphey, Henry	Delaware ..	Merchant	Butte City	Montana ...	1,604	6	160 40	30 00	190 40
Merrill, Freeman T	Maine	Deputy Marshal...	Portland	Maine	3,384	6	338 40	30 00	368 40
Metschan, Phil	Germany...	Merchant	Canyon City...	Oregon	1,568	6	156 80	30 00	186 80
Merriman, Francis E	Mass	Manufacturer	Boston	Mass	3,276	6	327 60	30 00	357 60
Milice, Andrew S	Ohio	County Recorder...	Warsaw	Indiana	2,370	6	237 00	30 00	267 00
Miller, James R	Ohio	Farmer	Caseyville	Illinois	2,091	6	209 10	30 00	239 10
Minta, Wesley	Illinois	Lawyer	Stockton	California ..	396	6	39 60	30 00	69 60
Moore, Elias B	Tennessee ..	Secretary of State.	Little Rock	Arkansas...	1,818	6	181 80	30 00	211 80
Morris, William W	New York..	Insurance	Louisville	Kentucky ..	2,346	6	234 60	30 00	264 60
Mucklé, M. Richards	Penna	Business Manager.	Philadelphia ...	Penna	3,026	6	302 60	30 00	332 60
Newsalt, Jacob	Germany...	City Justice	Owatonna	Minnesota..	2,197	6	219 70	30 00	249 70
Oliver, Joseph	Canada	Lumber Merchant	Toronto	Ontario	2,766	6	276 60	30 00	306 60
Orendorff, Alfred	Illinois	Lawyer	Springfield	Illinois	2,104	6	210 40	30 00	240 40
Parker, Lewis	New Jersey	Lawyer	Trenton	New Jersey	3,060	6	306 00	30 00	336 00
Parker, Lewis Cass	Ohio	Machinist	Cincinnati	Ohio	2,422	6	242 20	30 00	272 20
Pettit, N. C	Illinois	Broker	Waldo	Florida	2,582	6	258 20	30 00	288 20

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NAMES.	Place of Nativity.	Profession.	Town or Post Office.	State.	Miles Traveled.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
Petty, Thomas J	Virginia	Auditor	Washington	Dist. of Col.	2,923	6	$292 30	$30 00	$322 30
Phister, John P	Kentucky	Physician	Maysville	Kentucky	2,509	6	250 90	30 00	280 90
Pinkham, Willden	Maine	Merchant	Butte City	Montana	1,604	6	160 40	30 00	190 40
Powers, James K	Indiana	Insur'nce Adjuster	Cedar Rapids	Iowa	2,094	6	209 40	30 00	239 40
Price, James A	Virginia	Dentist	Weston	Missouri	1,837	6	183 70	30 00	213 70
Prickett, Charles F	W. Virginia	Druggist	Carbondale	Illinois	2,177	6	217 70	30 00	247 70
Rae, Francis	Canada	Physician	Oshawa	Ontario	2,800	6	280 00	30 00	310 00
Randall, Charles H	Rhode Isl'd	Editor	Sonora	California	461	6	46 10	30 00	76 10
Rea, Francis M	Penna	Brass Founder	Germantown	Penna	3,035	6	303 50	30 00	333 50
Redheffer, Andrew	Penna	Art Dealer	St. Louis	Missouri	2,081	6	208 10	30 00	238 10
Reedy, Hiram	Delaware	Merchant	Dover	Delaware	3,080	6	308 00	30 00	338 00
Rice, Harvey J	Illinois	Accountant	Huron	Dakota	2,177	6	217 70	30 00	247 70
Richardson, Albert F	Maine	Teacher	Fryeburgh	Maine	3,433	6	343 30	30 00	373 30
Robbe, Charles A	N. Hamp	Manufacturer	Augusta	Georgia	2,387	6	238 70	30 00	268 70
Robbins, Gilbert F	Rhode Isl'd	Merchant	Providence	Rhode Isl'd	3,278	6	327 80	30 00	357 80
Robertson, Henry	Canada	Barrister	Collingwood	Ontario	2,811	6	281 10	30 00	311 10
Robinson, T. A	England	Gen. Ins. Agent	Sioux Falls	Dakota	2,098	6	209 80	30 00	239 80
Rogers, Alexander	Scotland	Merchant	Salt Lake City.	Utah	1,224	6	122 40	30 00	152 40
Ruby, William H	Penna	Editor	Towson	Maryland	2,970	6	297 00	30 00	327 00
Seamon, Henry	Germany	Cigar Manufact'r	Wheeling	W. Virginia	2,654	6	265 40	30 00	295 40
Semmes, Oliver J	Virginia	Lawyer	Mobile	Alabama	2,090	6	209 00	30 00	239 00
Shaw, Le F. A	Mass	Sec., I. O. O. F.	Walla Walla	Wash. Ter.	1,371	6	137 10	30 00	167 10
Sheridan, Joseph B	Ohio	Merchant	McConnelville	Ohio	2,565	6	256 50	30 00	286 50
Slack, Alfred	England	Merchant	Allegheny City	Penna	2,673	6	267 30	30 00	297 30
Smith, Abbott G	Virginia	Builder	Lead City	Dakota	2,371	6	237 10	30 00	267 10

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NAMES.	Place of Nativity.	Profession.	Town or Post Office.	State.	Miles Traveled.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
Smith, Diocletian A.	Kentucky	Merchant	Sarcoxie	Missouri	1,824	6	$182 40	$30 00	$212 40
Smith, Truman	N. Hamp.	Farmer	Pittsfield	N. Hamp.	3,304	6	330 40	30 00	360 40
Smith, J. Barton	New Jersey	Varnish Maker	Newark	New Jersey	3,095	6	309 50	30 00	339 50
Stebbins, J. W	New York	Lawyer	Rochester	New York	2,850	6	285 00	30 00	315 00
Stratton, Robert	Indiana	Attorney	Minneapolis	Minnesota	2,228	6	222 80	30 00	252 80
Taber, Robert W	Mass	Salesman	New Bedford	Mass	3,316	6	331 60	30 00	361 60
Terry, Stephen	Conn	Lawyer	Hartford	Conn	3,211	6	321 10	30 00	351 10
Tucker, A. H	N. Hamp.	Manufacturer	Pt. Townsend	Wash. Ter.	1,337	6	133 70	30 00	163 70
Tuttle, Frank A	New York	Bookkeeper	Leadville	Colorado	1,399	6	139 90	30 00	169 90
Tweedale, W. C	England	Merchant	Albany	Oregon	1,046	6	104 60	30 00	134 60
Voegtle, Joseph	Germany	Merchant	New Orleans	Louisiana	1,967	6	196 70	30 00	226 70
Watson, Thomas C	Scotland	Real Estate	Pensacola	Florida	2,195	6	219 50	30 00	249 50
Weaver, Hal. C	Alabama	Hotel	Huntsville	Alabama	2,166	6	216 60	30 00	246 60
Whepley, W. L	California	Merchant	Phœnix	Arizona	440	6	44 00	30 00	74 00
Whipple, George	Ohio	Merchant	Burlington	Iowa	2,090	6	209 00	30 00	239 00
Wilcox, E. K	Ohio	Lawyer	Cleveland	Ohio	2,578	6	257 80	30 00	287 80
Wilson, W. D	Vermont	Lawyer	St. Albans	Vermont	3,196	6	319 60	30 00	349 60
Woodbury, L. P	Maine	Dentist	Lewiston	Maine	3,420	6	342 00	30 00	372 00
Woodnorth, J. H	New York	Pharmacist	Waupaca	Wisconsin	2,443	6	244 30	30 00	274 30
Wright, Robert E	Penna	Lawyer	Allentown	Penna	3,011	6	301 10	30 00	331 10
Young, John P	Scotland	Blacksmith	Portage La Prairie	Manitoba	2,745	6	274 50	30 00	304 50
					396,135	1008	$39,613 50	$5,040 00	$44,653 50

Rep. HEDRICK, of Nebraska, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition for Eidgenossen Encampment, No. 1, Zurich, Switzerland, have had the same under consideration, find the petition and other papers connected therewith in form; also find that Charter, Books, etc., were forwarded March 14th, 1888, and that the Encampment was duly instituted May 6th, 1888, as evidenced by the return. We therefore offer the following and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Officers be approved and the Charter for Eidgenossen Encampment, No. 1, Zurich, Switzerland, be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HEDRICK, C. H. DORSETT, FRANCIS M REA,
D. A. BUCHER, WM. R. DUTEMPLE, JAMES G. MAGUIRE,
HIRAM HILL, FRANCIS E. MERRIMAN, C. D. ANDERSON.

Rep. ANDERSON, of Manitoba, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition for a Charter for Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, in the town of Morden and Province of Manitoba, Canada, report that

WHEREAS, Said Charter was forwarded by the Grand Secretary on the 9th of July, your committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge confirm the action of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. ANDERSON, D. A. BUCHER, WM. R. DUTEMPLE,
JAMES G. MAGUIRE, J. T. HEDRICK, FRANCIS M. REA,
HIRAM HILL, C. H. DORSETT, FRANCIS E. MERRIMAN.

Rep. MAGUIRE, of California, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of Bro. W. E. FOSTER and others for the establishment of Pacific Degree Lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah, Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, respectfully report that they have examined the papers submitted, find the same correct, and find that the above-named Degree Lodge has been duly instituted.

We therefore recommend that the action of the Grand Officers be approved, and the Charter for the above named Degree Lodge be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES G. MAGUIRE, J. T. HEDRICK, FRANCIS M. REA,
C. D. ANDERSON, WM. R. DUTEMPLE, HIRAM HILL,
D. A. BUCHER, FRANCIS E. MERRIMAN, C. H. DORSETT.

Rep. MAGUIRE, of California, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom were referred petitions for the establishment of the following Encampments, viz.: Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, Bingham, Utah, and Uinta Encampment, No. 5, Ogden, Utah, respectfully report that they have examined the papers submitted, find the same correct, and that the Encampments named have been duly instituted.

We therefore recommend that the action of the Grand Officers be approved, and the Charters for the above named Encampments be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES G. MAGUIRE,	WM. R. DUTEMPLE,	J. T. HEDRICK,
HIRAM HILL,	FRANCIS M. REA,	D. A. BUCHER,
C. D. ANDERSON,	FRANCIS E. MERRIMAN,	C. H. DORSETT.

Rep. REA, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of ten Patriarchs, asking for the institution of an Encampment to be located at the city of Mexico, in the Republic of Mexico, to be entitled Hidalgo Encampment, No. 1, find that the Encampment has been instituted by the proper officers, and therefore respectfully report that the papers are in proper form, and recommend that the Charter be confirmed and the action of the Grand Officers be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS M. REA,	J. T. HEDRICK,	C. D. ANDERSON,
C. H. DORSETT,	WM. R. DUTEMPLE,	D. A. BUCHER,
HIRAM HILL,	JAMES G. MAGUIRE,	FRANCIS E. MERRIMAN.

Rep. REA, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of twelve Scarlet Degree members for the institution of Gila Encampment, No. 3, in the town of Globe, Gila county, Arizona Territory, respectfully report that they have examined the papers in this case and find them to be correct and in proper form. The Encampment has been instituted by the proper officers.

Your committee therefore recommend that the action of the Grand Officers be approved, and the Charter for said Encampment be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS M. REA,	C. D. ANDERSON,	WM. R. DUTEMPLE,
HIRAM HILL,	JAMES G. MAGUIRE,	J. T. HEDRICK,
C. H. DORSETT,	D. A. BUCHER,	FRANCIS E MERRIMAN.

Rep. HILL, of New Hampshire, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition for Fraternité Lodge, No. 2, Havre, France, have examined the certificates and papers relating thereto and find them in form, and that the Warrant for the Lodge was duly issued on the 3d day of August, 1888, and the Lodge has been duly instituted. We would offer the following and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Officers be approved, and the Charter for the said Lodge at Havre, France, be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

HIRAM HILL,	FRANCIS E. MERRIMAN,	J. T. HEDRICK,
JAMES G. MAGUIRE,	C. H. DORSETT,	FRANCIS M. REA,
D. A. BUCHER,	C. D. ANDERSON,	WM. R. DUTEMPLE.

Rep. HILL, of New Hampshire, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition for Raton Encampment, No. 5, of Raton, New Mexico, have examined the certificates and papers relating thereto, find them in form, and that the Warrant for the Encampment was duly issued on the 24th day of November, 1887, and the Encampment has been duly instituted. We would offer the following and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Officers be approved, and the Charter for the Encampment at Raton, New Mexico, be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

HIRAM HILL,	C. H. DORSETT,	WM. R. DEUTEMPLE,
FRANCIS E. MERRIMAN,	J. T. HEDRICK,	JAMES G. MAGUIRE,
FRANCIS M. REA,	D. A. BUCHER,	C. D. ANDERSON.

Rep. BUCHER, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the request of Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 6, of Lehigh, Indian Territory, asking permission to meet once in every two weeks instead of weekly, having duly considered the reasons submitted by said Lodge, respectfully submit the following for your adoption:

Resolved, That the request of Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 6, of Lehigh, Indian Territory, be granted, in accordance with the laws as provided in Sections 1,219, 1,220, White's Digest.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. BUCHER,	J. T. HEDRICK,	C. D. ANDERSON,
HIRAM HILL,	FRANCIS M. REA,	C. H. DORSETT,
JAMES G. MAGUIRE,	WM. R. DUTEMPLE,	FRANCIS E. MERRIMAN.

Rep. BUCHER, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom were referred the petitions for Charters for Ridgely Encampment, No. 2, to be located at Pocatello, Idaho; Temple Encampment, No. 3, at Caldwell, Idaho; Ivanhoe Encampment, No 4, at Hailey, Idaho, and Enterprise Encampment, No. 5, at Ketchum, Idaho, report that

WHEREAS, Charters have been forwarded to said Encampments by the Grand Secretary; your committee therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary in issuing Charters for the above named Encampments be and the same is hereby confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. BUCHER, FRANCIS E. MERRIMAN, WM. R. DUTEMPLE,
C. H. DORSETT, J. T. HEDRICK, C. D. ANDERSON,
HIRAM HILL, FRANCIS M. REA, JAMES G. MAGUIRE.

Rep. MERRIMAN, of Massachusetts, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, in the matter of the petition of six persons for a Warrant to establish a Subordinate Lodge of Odd Fellows in the city of Valdivia, Republic of Chile, South America, report that we find, from a careful examination of the papers before us, that the proceedings are wholly informal. A Charter was, however, mailed to C. J. HOLM, D. D. Grand Sire, August 1st, 1888, at which time, and even to the present, no Withdrawal Cards had been received, as required by law. Your committee would therefore offer and recommend the following, and request its adoption:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to at once communicate with C. J. HOLM, D. D. Grand Sire of Chile, and require of him that said Lodge shall not be instituted until the Withdrawal Cards of the petitioners be secured and forwarded to the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS E. MERRIMAN, C. D. ANDERSON, D. A. BUCHER,
J. T. HEDRICK, C. H. DORSETT, HIRAM HILL,
JAMES G. MAGUIRE, FRANCIS M. REA, WM. R. DUTEMPLE.

Rep. MERRIMAN, of Massachusetts, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, McAlester, Indian Territory, for permission to remove from said town of McAlester to the town of Krebs, Indian Territory, have fully inquired into the reasons for such removal, and find that Ridgely Encampment depended upon its membership and support from those engaged in mining coal;

that the coal company have abandoned their mines, having exhausted or worked them out, and the Encampment's membership, by reason thereof, now numbers only four. The petitioners are confident that if their petition for removal is granted the Encampment would recover from its present decline, and not be compelled to surrender its Charter.

Your committee would therefore recommend that Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, Indian Territory, be permitted to remove from the town of McAlester to the town of Krebs, in the same Territory.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS E MERRIMAN,	D. A. BUCHER,	C. H. DORSETT,
JAMES G. MAGUIRE,	WM. R. DUTEMPLE,	C. D. ANDERSON,
J. T. HEDRICK,	HIRAM HILL,	FRANCIS M. REA.

Rep. COE, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Returns beg leave to submit the following report:

After examination of the returns from Subordinate Encampments, we find as follows: Nos. 1 and 2, Idaho Territory; No. 1, Indian Territory; Nos. 10 and 14, Nova Scotia; No. 11, New Brunswick; Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Manitoba; Nos. 1 and 4, New Mexico; No. 9, South Carolina; Nos. 3, 4 and 5, Utah, correct.

No. 1, Arizona, error in reporting rank of active members, also omits rank in roll of members; No. 2, Arizona, error in reporting rank and roll of members and amount of relief paid; No. 2, Indian Territory, Past Chief Patriarchs reported as Past High Priests in rank of members; No. 2, New Mexico, same as last above mentioned; No. 12, Nova Scotia, omits cause of suspension, and shows discrepancy between rank and roll of members; No. 13, Prince Edward's Island, omits cause of suspension; No. 1, Honolulu, not signed by the Chief Patriarch.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. COE,	J. S. CODDING,	JOHN A. GLIDDEN,
ABBOTT G. SMITH,	J. FRANK GRANT,	A. S. MILICE,
J. BARTON SMITH,	F. T. MERRILL,	J. F. CROSETT.

Rep. DEUBERT, of New York, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the Constitution and By-Laws of Pacific Degree Lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah, under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, would respectfully report that we have carefully examined the same, and find nothing therein in conflict with the laws of this Grand Body. We offer the following:

Resolved, That the above named Constitution and By-Laws be and are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. DEUBERT,	C. B. EDWARDS,	WM. W. HENRY,
GEO. WHIPPLE,	JOSEPH OLIVER,	GEO. W. LEE,
W. J. BRADSHAW,	J. B. SHERIDAN,	LE F. A. SHAW.

Rep. EDWARDS, of North Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Idaho, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find nothing therein which we deem in conflict with the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. We therefore recommend that the same be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. EDWARDS, GEO. W. LEE, W. J. BRADSHAW,
JOSEPH OLIVER, JOHN G. DEUBERT, GEO. WHIPPLE,
LE F. A. SHAW, J. B. SHERIDAN, WM. W. HENRY.

Rep. SHERIDAN, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Florida, would report that we have examined the same and find the Grand Scribe of Florida has failed to certify to the alleged amendments. Neither is the seal of the Grand Encampment attached, which we find is in direct conflict with Section 238, White's Digest. We offer the following:

Resolved, That the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Florida be referred to the Grand Scribe of Florida for proper certification, as required by Section 238, Digest.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SHERIDAN, JOSEPH OLIVER, JOHN G. DEUBERT,
W. J. BRADSHAW, WM. W. HENRY, GEO. WHIPPLE,
GEO. W. LEE, LE F. A. SHAW.

Rep. CAMPBELL, of Ontario, from the Special Committee on Dues and Benefits, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Special Committee on Dues and Benefits have to report, that in accordance with the decision of the Sovereign Grand Lodge last year, a pamphlet was prepared, containing extracts of various reports presented on this subject in previous years, which pamphlet was issued by the Grand Secretary to all Subordinate Lodges.

We have reason to believe that this action has had a good effect in educating the membership of the Order to a proper conception of the importance of a proper ratio between dues and benefits, and in order that opportunity may be given for the presentation to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of any further information that may be secured by your committee, we offer the following:

Resolved, That the Special Committee on Dues and Benefits be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

CL. T. CAMPBELL, WALTER E. CARLIN, EDWIN HIRST.

Rep. REEDY, of Delaware, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented ask leave to submit the following as their report:

That all Grand Jurisdictions subordinate to this Sovereign Grand Lodge are represented at this session, except the following, to wit: The Grand Lodges of Denmark and Switzerland.

Respectfully submitted,

HIRAM REEDY,	J. H. WOODNORTH,	J. B. ALWARD,
E. S. BERTRAM,	TRUMAN SMITH,	BENJ. CURLER,
F. B. BRYANT,	A. J. KENT,	W. A. BOBBITT.

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, from the Special Committee on Insurance Associations, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Special Committee appointed under the resolution adopted at the last session, (*see* Journal, 11,011 and 11,033,) met in the city of Cincinnati in July last, and after some interchange of views, adjourned to meet during this session in Los Angeles. By the express terms of the resolution under which we were appointed, we were without funds to make any examination or investigation involving any money expenditures, and now report:

1. All endowment and insurance associations or organizations (whose membership is limited to Odd Fellows) in the various Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions, exist by virtue of the special or general enactments of the several States, Territories and Provinces in which they have been organized, but, with one or two exceptions, such organizations are relieved by the legislative enactment of the State from inspection and inquiry into the condition, business methods and management thereof by the State authority.

2. This Grand Body has heretofore, at the session of 1879, (Journal, 8065, 8125,) authorized members of the Order in good standing to form themselves into one or more Auxiliary Endowment Benefit Associations upon the conditions stated in said legislation.

The conditions stated impose no obligation of duty on the part of said associations to report to the Subordinate Grand Lodge permitting the formation thereof, and prescribe no way for the inquiring into the condition, business methods and management of such associations.

We have, therefore, in the Order, many such associations, whose legal existence is, by virtue of the law of the State, relieved of inspection and report by the State, because their membership is confined to members of the Order, but neither this Grand Body nor the State Grand Body has imposed any inspection of, or duty of report by, such associations.

Your committee have given the whole subject that consideration which its gravity requires, but in the absence of funds, absolutely needed, in order to fully prosecute the inquiry with intelligence, your committee are constrained to make at this time no recommendation.

We greatly fear that the basis on which many of the associations are formed, is unsound. Insurance that does insure is what we must have, if we have anything. We can afford to build upon none other than the most solid foundations in this matter, if we build at all.

A proper provision for the payment of the death claim, and a proper provi-

sion for the payment of the expense of conducting the business, must not, and cannot, be ignored by any association which hopes for permanent success.

An hundred thousand of our membership are seeking to make some provision for their wives and children when they may become widows and fatherless, through these associations. The matter is indeed one of great gravity. Development of the principle of helpfulness, one to the other, and to the dependent ones of our families, should be our highest aim. The failure of any one of the associations heretofore permitted to be organized, from any cause, may bring the whole Order into discredit. We only recommend now the following:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged and that a new committee of five be appointed, to whom this whole subject be referred, and that some reasonable sum of money be appropriated to defray the necessary expenditures of prosecuting its inquiries.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. HEDGES, O. A. JANES, JNO. N. VAN DEMAN,
E. K. WILCOX, J. B. SHERIDAN.

Rep. MOORE, of Arkansas, from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. MILLER, of Illinois, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That all meetings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of Columbus, Ohio, except when otherwise ordered by a two-thirds vote of the Sovereign Grand Lodge," have considered the same, and finding that the manner of fixing the place of meeting of this Grand Body is defined by Article XII. of the Constitution, are of the opinion that the change in the law proposed can only be made by an amendment to said article, duly presented as required by the terms of said Constitution.

They therefore recommend that they be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. MOORE, CL. T. CAMPBELL, T. J. ATKINS,
FRED. CARLETON, L. GRAHAM, E. D. HOGE,
JAS. R. MILLER, HENRY C. HEDGES, WILLIAM ELLINGHAM.

Rep. ATKINS, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred certain resolutions passed by the Grand Lodge of Nevada, asking for the abolishment of the present Visiting Card, and substituting therefor an official receipt for dues, beg leave to report that the subject-matter of said resolutions has repeatedly been before this Grand Lodge, and by decisive majorities it has been decided that the change proposed is not for the good of the Order. Your committee, believing that the present Visiting Card affords the very best practicable mode of identifying Visiting Brothers, while it at the same time protects the Order from impostors, recommend that the proposed change be not made, and that they be discharged from the further consideration of the question.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. ATKINS, E. D. HOGE, HENRY C. HEDGES,
JAS. R. MILLER, FRED. CARLETON, L. GRAHAM,
E. B. MOORE. WM. ELLINGHAM.

Rep. MACK, of Nevada, moved that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, which was agreed to, and the Grand Sire accordingly declared the Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

THURSDAY, September 20th, 1888—9 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment.

OFFICERS.

JOHN H. WHITE	Grand Sire.
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD	Deputy Grand Sire.
THEODORE A. ROSS	Grand Secretary.
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD	Grand Treasurer.
ALLEN JENCKES	Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE	Grand Chaplain.
JOHN H. ALBIN	Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
WALTER G. DYE	Grand Guardian.
W. H. FRAZIER	Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON	Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS	New York.
E. D. FARNSWORTH	California.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Marshal, by order, examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, Grand Chaplain.

The Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the Grand Sire, declared the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Rep. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, moved that the reading of the Journal of yesterday be dispensed with, which was adopted.

Rep. KINES, of Quebec, moved that the matter submitted by him on page 11,242, Journal, in reference to a Juvenile Branch of the Order, be referred to the Committee on Legislation, which was agreed to.

The jurisdictions were called, when

Rep. WHEPLEY, of Arizona, submitted the By-Laws of Gila Encampment, No. 3, Arizona, which were referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. DUFOUR, of the District of Columbia, presented the

action of Naomi Degree Lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah, of the District of Columbia, on the subject of conferring the Degree of Rebekah in Lodges of that degree alone, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah.

Rep. GRANT, of Indiana, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The undersigned having had a great deal of experience in keeping the books, records and financial accounts of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, has, after several years' study and labor, formulated a system of bookkeeping and reports, which, it is believed, will greatly simplify the keeping thereof, and at the same time result in greater accuracy, saving of time to Secretaries and Auditing Committees, and money to Lodges and Encampments.

I file herewith such copies as are necessary for an understanding of my system, and I respectfully ask that they be referred to the proper committee for examination into the merits of the system, and such a report at their hands as they think the same is entitled to.

Yours fraternally,

M. POSZ, *P. G.*,

Shelby Lodge, No. 39, I. O. O. F., Shelbyville, Indiana.

Rep. GRANT, of Indiana, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Resolved, That the law, as contained in Section 141a, page 39, Digest, be amended so as to read as follows: "The Noble Grand and Secretary of a Lodge and the Chief Patriarch and Scribe of an Encampment may issue Visiting Cards to members in good standing, when application is made to them in writing."

Rep. TABER, of Massachusetts, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

WHEREAS, Many persons who have been rejected in Subordinate Lodges, for other than constitutional reasons, have made application, and been admitted by another Lodge in the same city or town, than the one in which they were rejected, and thereby added to our membership an undesirable element; therefore,

Resolved, That where two or more Lodges are located in the same city or town it shall not be lawful for either of said Lodges to receive the application of a person rejected for other than constitutional reasons, by either of said Lodges, within the space of six months, without the consent of the Lodge in which said applicant was rejected. This shall not debar the person from re-applying to the Lodge in which he was rejected, as now allowed by law.

Rep. REDHEFFER, of Missouri, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Standing Resolution No. 18, as found on page 11,080, Revised Journal of 1887, be amended by striking out, in the second line, the words "residing nearest the city of Baltimore," so that it will read as follows:

"That a Sub-Committee of the Committee on Finance, consisting of not less than two of the members, be appointed to examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary; such examination to be made within one week prior to the commencement of each annual session."

Rep. REDHEFFER, of Missouri, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That obituary notices may be presented to the Grand Secretary at any time during or after the session, and be printed in the Revised Journal.

Reps. SMITH and PARKER, of New Jersey, moved the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Bro. AARON B. CRANE, a Grand Representative from the jurisdiction of New Jersey from 1872 to 1887, inclusive, and Chairman of the Committee on Constitutions of this Grand Lodge for nine years, has been gradually failing under the attack of disease, and although unanimously re elected by the Grand Encampment of his State, was unable to take his seat in this Grand Body at the present session; therefore,

Resolved, That this Sovereign Grand Lodge hereby expresses its sorrow at the affliction that has overtaken him, and tenders him its fraternal condolence.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary forward a certified copy of the above to Bro. A. B. CRANE.

Rep. DILKS, of New York, moved the following, which was not adopted, 32 voting in the affirmative and 73 in the negative:

Resolved, That during the remainder of the session of this Sovereign Grand Lodge a recess shall be taken from 1 to 3 P. M., each day, and the Grand Lodge shall continue in session such time as may be necessary.

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

WHEREAS, The greater number of the membership of the Order have not, and cannot, attain to official station, many of whom are entitled by the years of their membership to the honored appellation of *Veterans;* and

WHEREAS, It would be a great and graceful thing to authorize them to wear a jewel significant of the fact; therefore,

Resolved, That members of the Order in good standing, and who for twenty-five years or more have been such, shall be entitled to wear a jewel to be designated "The Veteran Jewel, I. O. O. F."

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That if the Sovereign Grand Lodge determines to meet at the present seat of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Columbus, Ohio, it is with the wish that the Lodges in Columbus will incur no expense in entertaining the Sovereign Grand Lodge, lest a precedent may be established that will become burdensome to the Order in that city.

Rep. SEMMES, of Alabama, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That after this day, no resolution which, by the Rules of Order, must go to a committee, shall be entertained.

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we now proceed to fix the place of the meeting of this Grand Body in 1889.

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, presented the following, and moved that Columbus, Ohio, be the place of the meeting of this Grand Body in 1889:

To the Grand Sire and Brethren of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

BRETHREN—The advantage of having the Grand Lodge meet in Columbus annually, was the great inducing cause of our willingness to provide a home for it, with all the trouble and pecuniary outlay to us involved thereby. The benefits, direct and indirect, that would inure to our city from such meetings, were the considerations of our prompt and liberal offer. We supposed, of course, that, at your meeting in Denver, the meeting for 1888 would be appointed to be held at your new home. You ordained otherwise, and appointed the meeting to be held upon the remote western coast of our country. We were grievously disappointed. Your new home, its convenient location, our splendid fulfillment of the terms of your call, were passed by. We now desire to make known to you, Brethren, our views and feelings upon this subject. For all our outlay and loss, you have only brought us three men and their families. The noble Lodge-room, large and impressive, will, unless you come to us, be a barren waste; our efforts and loss without result. In view of all the circumstances, we respectfully and earnestly request, Brethren, that you will appoint the next annual meeting of the Grand Lodge to be held at your new home.

Respectfully yours,

Central Lodge, No. 23, August 2d, 1888.
W. H. FRANCISCO, *N. G.*
J. M. ZIGLER, *Secretary.*

Capitol Lodge, No. 334, August 3d, 1888.
A. T. THRALL, *N. G.*
T. R. THRALL, *Secretary.*

Harmonia Lodge, No. 358, August 4th, 1888.
ADOLPH RIESE, *N. G.*
FREDRICK KOLB, *Secretary.*

Columbus Lodge, No. 9, August 6th, 1888.
FRANK P. McCARLEY, *N. G.*
A. S. HUMPHRYS, *Secretary.*

Capitol Encampment, No. 6, I. O. O. F.,
Tuesday Evening, August 7th, 1888.
JOHN STARTZMAN, *C. P.*
E. B. BLISS, *Scribe.*

Excelsior Lodge, No. 145, I. O. O. F.
Wednesday Evening, August 8th, 1888.
T. A. THOMAS, *N. G.*
C. S. WILKINS, *Secretary.*

The question being on the motion of Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, that the next session be held in Columbus, Ohio,

Rep. KELSEY, of Kansas, moved to strike out "Columbus, Ohio," and insert "Topeka, Kansas," which was not agreed to, 62 voting in the affirmative and 82 in the negative.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, that the next session be held in Columbus, Ohio, it was adopted.

Rep. CAMPBELL, of Ontario, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish, free of cost, to the Grand Officers and Representatives who have not already received them, the bound Journals of Proceedings, and, at cost, the Revised Digest.

Rep. DE MARS, of South Carolina, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That each member of our Order (in addition to his regular dues) shall pay yearly to the Sovereign Grand Lodge the sum of $2, for the purpose of creating an Endowment Fund; out of said fund, upon the death of a Brother, his dependents shall receive the sum of $—.

Rep. MAKEMSON, of Texas, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

WHEREAS, The memorial service authorized by the resolution on page 10,517, Vol. XII, Revised Journal of the session of 1886, designates the anniversary of the death of Past Grand Sire THOMAS WILDEY, as the day for such ceremonies, and fixes said date on the 20th day of October as the date of the death of Past Grand Sire WILDEY, while in fact he departed this life on the 19th day of October, 1861, (*see* Vol. IV., page 3411, Revised Journal of 1862);

Resolved, That said resolution be so amended and corrected as to read the 19th day of October instead of the 20th day of October.

Rep. WILSON, of Vermont, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business:

WHEREAS, Bro. A. J. HOUGH, of Bradford, Vt., was crowned Poet Laureate of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, at its last session, and was recommended as a candidate for the honor of Poet Laureate of Odd Fellowship; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Bro. A. J. HOUGH is hereby constituted Poet Laureate of Odd Fellowship, by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in accordance with the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, which will be found in a copy of his poems.

Rep. VOEGTLE, of Louisiana, moved that the report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, page 11,323, be adopted, which was agreed to.

Rep. GRANT, of Indiana, moved that the communication from Bro. M. POSZ, referred to the Committee on Finance, be referred to a special committee of three, which was agreed to.

The Chair appointed the following as the committee:

Reps. GRANT, of Indiana; ROGERS, of Utah; GWINN, of Idaho.

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, moved that the Grand Lodge resolve itself in secret session, which was adopted.

After some time passed in secret session, the ordinary business session was resumed.

The Grand Sire submitted the following:

Los Angeles, September 20th, 1888.

To the Officers and Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O F.:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS—The General Executive Committee, I. O O F., and the Citizens' Committee on Reception, would most respectfully and cordially invite you and your ladies to participate in a carriage drive at 3 o'clock this afternoon, to start from Turn Verein Hall.

By request of the committees,

Yours fraternally,

H. V. VAN DUSEN, *Secretary.*

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, moved that the invitation be accepted with the thanks of the Grand Lodge, which was adopted.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved that the reports of committees, as they appear on the Journal, be considered, which was agreed to.

The first report, page 11,317, from the Committee on Petitions, approving the action of the officers in the premises, and confirming the Warrant granted to Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 1, Battleford, Canada, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,318, from the same committee, approving the action of the Grand Officers, and confirming the Warrants granted to Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 6, at Lehigh, and South Canadian Lodge, No. 7, at South Canadian, Indian Territory, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, approving the action of the Grand Officers, and confirming the Warrant granted to Prins Hendrik Lodge, No. 3, at Zutphen, Kingdom of Netherlands, Europe, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, confirming the Warrant granted to Friendship Lodge, No. 8, at Krebs, Indian Territory, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,319, from the Committee on Appeals, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the appeal of GEORGE IRELAND BEALE, from the action of Nevada Lodge, No. 7, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Returns, on the annual reports of Grand Lodges, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the annual reports of sundry Grand Lodges, concerning Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,320, from the Committee on Constitutions, amending and, as amended, approving the Constitutions and By-Laws of several Subordinate and State Grand Bodies, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,321, from the same committee, approving the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, and the amended By-Laws of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Islands, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,322, from the same committee, approving the amended Constitutions of the Grand Encampment of Kansas, and the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Michigan, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, approving the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, approving the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, approving the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,323, from the same committee, approving the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, approving the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,331, from the Committee on Petitions, approving the action of the Grand Officers, and confirming the Warrant issued to Eidgenossen Encampment, No. 1, Zurich, Switzerland, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, confirming the action of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary in granting a Warrant to Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, Morden, Manitoba, Canada, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, approving the action of the Grand Officers, and confirming the Warrant granted to Pacific Degree Lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah, Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,332, from the same committee, approving the action of the Grand Officers, and confirming the Warrants granted to Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, at Bingham, and Uinta Encampment, No. 5, at Ogden, Utah, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, approving the action of the Grand Officers, and confirming the Warrant granted to Hidalgo Encampment, No. 1, City of Mexico, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, approving the action of the Grand Officers, and confirming the Warrant granted to Gila Encampment, No. 3, Globe, Gila county, Arizona, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,333, from the same committee, approving the action of the Grand Officers, and confirming the Warrant granted to Fraternité Lodge, No. 2, Havre, France, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, approving the action of the Grand Officers, and confirming the Warrant granted to Raton Encampment, No. 5, Raton, New Mexico, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, granting permission to Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 6, Lehigh, Indian Territory, to meet once in every two weeks instead of weekly, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,334, from the same committee, approving the action of the Grand Officers, and confirming the Warrants granted to Ridgely Encampment, No. 2, at Pocatello; Temple Encampment, No. 3, at Caldwell; Ivanhoe Encampment, No. 4, at Hailey, and Enterprise Encampment, No. 5, at Ketchum, Idaho, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, directing that the Lodge at Valdivia, Republic of Chile, South America, shall not be instituted until the Withdrawal Cards of the petitioners be secured and forwarded to the Grand Secretary, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, permitting Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, Indian Territory, to remove from McAlester to Krebs, in the same Territory, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,335, from the Committee on Returns, on the annual reports of sundry Subordinate Encampments, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Constitutions, approving the Constitution and By-Laws of Pacific Degree Lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah, Sandwich Islands, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,336, from the same committee, approving the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Idaho, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, referring the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Florida to the Grand Scribe of Florida, for proper certification, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Special Committee on Dues and Benefits, asking that the committee be continued, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,337, from the Committee on Grand

Bodies not Represented, reciting that all Grand Bodies, except the Grand Lodges of Denmark and Switzerland, are represented at this session, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Special Committee on Insurance Associations, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. CARLETON, of Texas, moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until the report of the Committee on the State of the Order on the same subject is received, which was adopted.

The next report, page 11,338, from the Committee on Legislation, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution of Rep. MILLER, of Illinois, fixing the place of meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the question of abolishing the present Visiting Card and substituting therefor an official receipt for dues, was considered and adopted.

Rep. COLEMAN, of Arkansas, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That a member of a Subordinate Lodge, who shall become more than thirteen weeks in arrears for dues, shall be regarded as "not in good standing," and shall not be entitled to the Semi-Annual Pass Word, nor to hold office, vote, or to take any active part in the workings of the Lodge when in session.

Provided, that a member "not in good standing" shall have the right of admission to, and the privilege of sitting in his Lodge room, until suspended for lawful cause; *provided further*, that such member shall be subject to perform all the duties required of other members outside the Lodge-room, until suspended.

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, under instructions of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That such legislation be enacted whereby a Daughters of Rebekah State Assembly may have some proper Working Sign and Pass Word for use in their Assembly.

Rep. WATSON, of Florida, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

WHEREAS, At the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Denver, in 1887, the Committee on Foreign Relations made a report, which was subsequently considered and adopted, in reference to the two Cuban Lodges which were transferred to the jurisdiction of Florida, and which is as follows, viz.: "Although placed under the supervision and control of that Grand Lodge, they are not, as we understand the law, to be ruled under the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Florida, but by the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. It, and not the Florida Constitution, is their organic law;" and

WHEREAS, The above conclusion, which was arrived at by the Committee on Foreign Relations, presents an anomaly, and is apt to cause considerable complication and doubt as to the divided authority implied therein, so much so, that the Grand Master of Florida referred to it in his annual report in the following language: "While I bow with respectful deference to the judgment of the committee, it seems to me that they failed in their duty, by not setting at rest any question. They should have either revoked the act of the Grand Sire transferring those Lodges to this jurisdiction, or have confirmed our authority over them;" and

WHEREAS, The Grand Sire having, during recess, conceived an *erroneous* impression that the Grand Lodge of Florida refused to entertain further jurisdiction over these two Cuban Lodges, and, in consonance with this idea, issued the following proclamation, which he caused to be read to both of the above Lodges, viz:

"SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.,
"OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE.
"Albion, New York, June 18th, 1888.

"*To whom it may concern:*

"The Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction of Florida having refused to accept the care and control of Cuba Lodge, No. 3, and Regla Lodge, No. 6, located in the Island of Cuba, as requested by said Lodges with the consent of the Grand Sire, which request was sanctioned by the Sovereign Grand Lodge; therefore, the said Lodges are hereby declared to be under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the said Lodges are required to transmit to the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge the reports required by law, accompanied by whatever amount may be due to the said Grand Lodge. The District Deputy Grand Sire of the Island of Cuba will see that a copy of this order is delivered to each of said Lodges

"JOHN H. WHITE, *Grand Sire.*"

It being further manifest that the Grand Lodge of Florida and the two Cuban Lodges referred to, are entirely at sea in regard to the matter, so much so that the two Cuban Lodges have made no reports to either the Sovereign Grand Lodge or the Grand Lodge of Florida, for the past year: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the whole matter be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, to recommend some definite action in the premises, and set the matter at rest finally, either by confirming the action of the Grand Sire in again placing the said Lodges under the exclusive care and control of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or by placing them entirely under the control and jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Rep. MERRIMAN, of Massachusetts, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order:

WHEREAS, There was heretofore established by this Grand Body, Uniformed Degree Camps, I. O. O. F., with Rituals and Unwritten Work; and

WHEREAS, Such Uniformed Degree Camps have been merged into the Degree of Patriarchs Militant, or otherwise abolished; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the several Subordinate Grand Encampment Jurisdictions be charged, through their elected officers, with the duty of collecting all Rituals issued to such U. D. Camps as may have been instituted, or remaining in the hands of the Grand Scribes of such jurisdictions, and the same shall be destroyed in the presence of the elective Grand Officers, by burning. A full and detailed report shall be sent by the Grand Scribes of these jurisdictions, on or before the next session of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, to the Grand Secretary, which shall state the number of U. D. Camp Rituals received from the Grand Secretary; number issued to U. D. Camps, or otherwise disposed of; number remaining on hand; number collected and destroyed, and any reason or reasons why any copy or copies have not been destroyed.

Rep. POWERS, of Iowa, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives from the jurisdiction of Ohio be, and they are hereby appointed a special committee to secure reduced rates on *all* railroads for all persons who desire to attend the session of this Body at Columbus, Ohio, in September, 1889, and at the earliest practicable moment they shall notify all officers and members of this Grand Body of the names of all railroads granting such reduced rates.

Rep. VOEGTLE, of Louisiana, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Resolved, That when a member of a Canton of Patriarchs Militant takes a Withdrawal Card from the Encampment of which he may be a member, his membership in his Canton shall not be affected thereby for six months from the date of his said Withdrawal Card. He shall be considered in good standing in his Canton if he deposits his Withdrawal Card in an Encampment, and becomes a member thereof at any time within six months from the date of his said Withdrawal Card.

Rep. MAGUIRE, of California, laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That Section 2, Article XVI, of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males, of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of eighteen years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, however*, that when the applicant is not of lawful age, he shall first secure and present in writing, with his petition for membership, the consent of his father or legal guardian; *and provided further*, that in Australia, New Zealand and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation.

JAMES G. MAGUIRE, of California. OLIVER DUFOUR, of Dist. of Columbia.
JAMES F. CROSETT, of California. J. S. CODDING, of Kansas.
ARTHUR GIBSON, of Nebraska. E. S. BERTRAM, of Kansas.
BENJAMIN CURLER, of Nevada. D. B. LONG, of Kansas.
HERMAN BLOCK, of Iowa. J. W. STEBBINS, of New York.
HENRY C. HEDGES, of Ohio. S. H. KELSEY, of Kansas.

The Grand Secretary submitted a petition received with cards and the Charter fee, from nine Brothers, for Cuauhtemotzin Lodge, No. 3, at Zacatecas, in the Republic of Mexico, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. REEDY, of Delaware, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the tax paid to the Sovereign Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of New Mexico for the year 1887, be refunded to said Grand Lodge, inasmuch as the Representative from said jurisdiction was not able to be present at the session held in the city of Denver in the year 1887.

Rep. AYDELOTT, of Tennessee, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Resolved, That Article X. of the By-Laws of this Grand Body be amended as follows:

Article X. Annual returns shall be made by each State, District or Territorial Grand Body, in which shall be embraced the names of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, or Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe, the time and place of the next annual session, the number of Subordinates under its jurisdiction, and the aggregate membership in good standing in the same; as well as the aggregate number of initiations, re-instatements, admissions by card, withdrawals by card, expulsions and deaths and the number dropped; the number of Brothers relieved, and the amount of such relief; the number of widowed families relieved, and the amount of relief; the amount paid for burying the dead; the amount paid for the education of orphans, and the whole amount of receipts. Forms for these reports shall be furnished by this Grand Lodge. *Said returns shall be made to the Grand Secretary on or before the first day of April*, and shall be accompanied with the dues thereon, in current money at par in the city of Columbus, Ohio.

Bro. M. L. WICKS, of Los Angeles, presented several large baskets of fine, large and luscious grapes, which were received with the thanks of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. SEMMES, of Alabama, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the question propounded by Rep. OLIVER, of Ontario, which question is, "Can a suspended member of an Encampment wear the regalia of the Encampment Branch in his Subordinate Lodge during suspension; if not, what steps are proper to take to prevent it?" answer,

A suspended member of an Encampment *can not* wear the Encampment regalia in his Lodge. The only way in which this can be prevented is for the Lodge to prefer charges against the offender for violating the law of the Order. Respectfully submitted,

O. J. SEMMES, LEWIS PARKER, CHAS. R. GIBSON,
HENRY ROBERTSON, STEPHEN TERRY, A. E. GIPSON,
S. S. FALLASS, J. B. FRIEDHEIM, ALFRED ORENDORFF.

Rep. GIBSON, of Texas, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the request of the Grand Representatives of Oregon, that the action of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, in conferring the Grand Lodge Degree on certain Past Grands who had not served a sufficient number of nights to be entitled to the honors of the office of Noble Grand, be legalized by this Grand Lodge, would respectfully report the same back and ask its reference to the Committee on the State of the Order, there being no legal question submitted for the decision of this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS R. GIBSON,	O. J. SEMMES,	LEWIS PARKER,
STEPHEN TERRY,	S S. FALLASS,	A. E. GIPSON,
J. B. FRIEDHEIM,	HENRY ROBERTSON,	ALFRED ORENDORFF.

Rep. SMITH, of Dakota, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Returns, to whom were referred the annual reports of Grand Encampments, have carefully examined the reports of the following jurisdictions and find them correct:

Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Dakota, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Ontario, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G SMITH,	J. FRANK GRANT,	J. S. CODDING,
J. BARTON SMITH,	FREEMAN T. MERRILL,	J. F. CROSETT,
ISAAC H. COE,	JOHN A. GLIDDEN,	A. S. MILICE.

Rep. GRANT, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Returns, to whom were referred the annual reports of the following Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, have examined the same and find them correct:

Caddo, No. 1, Caddo; Lehigh, No. 2, Lehigh; Tahlequah, No. 4, Tahlequah, Indian Territory. Ridgely, No. 1; Juarez, No. 2, City of Mexico, Mexico. Albuquerque, No. 1, Albuquerque; Paradise, No. 2, Santa Fe; Aztlan, No. 3, Santa Fe; San Vicente, No. 5, Silver City; Gem City, No. 7, Socorro; Raton, No. 8, Raton; Fidelity, No. 10, Gallup, New Mexico. Lima, No. 1, Lima; Fortschritt, No. 3, Lima; Chalaco, No. 4, Callao, Peru, South America; Excelsior, No. 1; Harmony, No. 3, Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands. Porvenir, No. 1, Havana; Havana, No. 4, Havana; America, No. 5, Regla; Hijos del Trabajo, No. 7, Havana, Cuba.

Deming, No. 6, Deming, New Mexico, number of weeks for which benefits were paid not given. Alberta, No. 1, Calgary, Canada, reports one member expelled,

and does not state cause. Concorde, No. 1, Havre, France, reports three suspensions for non-payment of fees for initiation and degree fees; being illegal, as members are not liable to suspension for non payment of such fees. Cyclone, No. 3, McAlester, Indian Territory, reports $1,250.65 paid for relief; should be $1,150.65, according to items given in report. Paradise, No. 1, Amsterdam, Netherlands, failed to report number of Brothers relieved, number buried, or number of widowed families relieved. Las Vegas, No. 4, Las Vegas, New Mexico, does not report time of meeting. Mount Sinai, No. 2, Amsterdam, Netherlands, does not report names of initiates, number of weeks' sickness for which benefits were paid, and number of Brothers relieved. Fraternidad Universal, No. 2, Havana, Cuba, an error of nine in membership as per last report. Atoka, No. 5, Atoka, Indian Territory, makes an error of fifty-six cents against the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in dues. Percha, No. 9, Kingston, New Mexico, does not report names of officers-elect; number of weeks' sickness for which benefits were paid. Veritas, No. 2, Trelleborg, Sweden, does not report names of officers elect.

Respectfully submitted,

J. FRANK GRANT,	A. G. SMITH,	F. T MERRILL,
ISAAC H COE,	J. BARTON SMITH,	J. S. CODDING,
A. S. MILICE,	J. F. CROSETT,	JOHN A. GLIDDEN.

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to and is headed "Qualifications for Membership," report:

That the Body has already voted upon an amendment to the Constitution on this subject, and failed to adopt the same. Arguments in favor of and against the proposed amendment were made upon the floor, and each Grand Representative has by his vote announced his own convictions of duty, and we ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. HEDGES,	L. GRAHAM,	T. J. ATKINS,
JAMES R. MILLER,	FRED. CARLETON,	E. D. HOGE.
CL. T. CAMPBELL,	W. ELLINGHAM,	E. B. MOORE.

Rep. HOGE, of Utah, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. FALLASS, of Michigan, asking said committee to report appropriate legislation, making elective the office of Warden in Subordinate Lodges, have considered the same, and report that they deem such legislation inexpedient and unwise, and therefore ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. HOGE,	JAS. R. MILLER,	FRED. CARLETON,
L. GRAHAM,	CL. T. CAMPBELL,	HENRY C. HEDGES,
E. B. MOORE,	W. ELLINGHAM,	T. J. ATKINS.

Rep. MILLER, of Illinois, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred a resolution offered by Rep. KUYKENDALL, of Wyoming, under instructions from the Grand Lodge of said jurisdiction, said resolution being as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the Representative from this Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its next regular session, be instructed to request the Sovereign Grand Lodge to take such action that hereafter when an Odd Fellow has been dropped for non-payment of dues, and before or after the time of being so dropped has removed from the jurisdiction of his own Lodge and is residing in the jurisdiction of another Lodge, shall not be re-instated by his own Lodge without furnishing evidence under the seal of the Lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides, or in case more than one Lodge is equally near to his place of residence, under seal of one of said Lodges, showing that he is a man of good moral character, that he is in good health, and that his standing in the community where he resides is good at the time he makes application for re-instatement to membership in the Lodge of which he was formerly a member, and from which he was dropped for non-payment of dues,"

Beg leave to report that the proposed legislation is not, in their judgment, needed by the Order now, for its good; wherefore, they recommend that it be not adopted, and that they be discharged from the further consideration of the question.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. MILLER,	E. D. HOGE,	L. GRAHAM,
E. B. MOORE,	T. J. ATKINS,	CL. T. CAMPBELL,
FRED. CARLETON,	HENRY C. HEDGES.	

Rep. GRAHAM, of Louisiana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. PARKER, of New Jersey, asking this Grand Body "to provide, by appropriate legislation, that any member of the Order who shall become an inmate of any home for aged and indigent Odd Fellows, shall thereby relinquish all claims for weekly benefits from his Lodge or Encampment, during the time he shall be an inmate of such institution,"

Beg leave to report that such legislation would be unwise, and contrary to the teachings and precepts of Odd Fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

L. GRAHAM,	HENRY C. HEDGES,	W. ELLINGHAM,
T. J. ATKINS,	FRED. CARLETON,	E. B. MOORE,
CL. T. CAMPBELL,	E. D. HOGE,	JAMES R. MILLER.

Rep. CARLETON, of Texas, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. KENT, of New Mexico, which reads as follows:

"That no person shall be eligible to admission into any Subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, who sells or makes his living by the sale of intoxicating liquors. This shall not apply to druggists who sell for medicinal purposes,"

Beg leave to report that they have considered the same, and find that it attempts to change the qualifications for membership in the Order by *simple*

legislation, while such change can only be made by an amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Body. For this reason, for it is unnecessary to give others, your committee recommend that the resolution be not adopted, and that they be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED. CARLETON,	JAS. R. MILLER,	CL. T. CAMPBELL,
E. B. MOORE,	L. GRAHAM,	W. ELLINGHAM,
E. D. HOGE,	HENRY C. HEDGES,	T. J. ATKINS.

Rep. CARLETON, of Texas, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom were referred the preamble and resolution offered by Rep. HOLMES, of Iowa, they being as follows:

"WHEREAS, This Sovereign Grand Lodge has authorized and requested the observance of a 'Memorial Day;' and

"WHEREAS, Great difficulty is experienced by many Lodges in properly observing the day, for want of a Ritual or Guide for such services; therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, That a special committee of three be appointed to prepare and report, at the next session of this Grand Body, a Ritual or Guide for Memorial Day, the same to be furnished to the several Grand Jurisdictions in the same manner as that for Anniversary Day is now furnished,"

Have considered the same and believe that it is inexpedient to adopt any such forms or Ritual, for the reason that they deem it wise to permit each Subordinate Grand Jurisdiction to arrange the form of memorial ceremony (as some have done) for itself, and your committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED. CARLETON,	JAS. R. MILLER,	CL. T. CAMPBELL,
E. B. MOORE,	L. GRAHAM,	W. ELLINGHAM,
E. D. HOGE,	HENRY C. HEDGES,	T. J. ATKINS.

Rep. CAMPBELL, of Ontario, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the proposition from Reps. CARLIN, of Illinois; PARKER, of New Jersey, and CAMPBELL, of Ontario, affecting the regalia worn in Grand Bodies, recognize the advisability of such a change as will no longer make compulsory the wearing of cumbersome regalia in the legislatures of the Order, and therefore submit the following:

Amend Article XXII. of the By-Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge by adding thereto:

At sessions of Grand Bodies, in lieu of any regalia hereinbefore described, a ribbon may be worn of the color of the highest degree the member has attained, having attached thereto any jewel which he is entitled or required to wear.

Resolved, That the above amendment be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

CL. T. CAMPBELL,	E. B. MOORE,	HENRY C. HEDGES,
FRED. CARLETON,	T. J. ATKINS,	JAS R. MILLER,
L. GRAHAM,	E. D. HOGE,	W. ELLINGHAM.

Rep. PHISTER, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Foreign Relations beg leave to report that they have examined the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, which contain full extracts from the correspondence relating to the jurisdiction of Switzerland.

There has been an increase of membership—it is small, but we see in it a hopeful assurance for the future. There has also been an Encampment instituted at Zurich. Bro. IMFELD, Grand Representative, suggests "that it would greatly gratify them if they were permitted to work by the rules of the Lodges under the German Empire," for which he gives a few reasons. (*See* report of the Grand Secretary, page 11,163, Section "Switzerland.") It seems to us that this could best and most readily be accomplished by an affiliation of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland with the Grand Lodge of the German Empire.

The proposition for the establishment of a union of Odd Fellows, consolidating them in one body, is not regularly before us, but when properly formulated upon the plan given in the letter of the Grand Representative, it should receive careful consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. PHISTER, J. T. PETTY, F. DE MARS,
W. L. WHEPLEY, HERMAN BLOCK, W. A. BARRY,
FRANCIS RAE, R. RADFORD BARNES.

Rep. BARRY, of Tennessee, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Foreign Relations have considered the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, in connection with the voluminous correspondence from the D. D. Grand Sire in charge of the jurisdiction of Cuba.

The difficulties which seemed to surround this jurisdiction at the last session of this Grand Body, and which the legislation then had was intended to correct, seems to have increased and intensified, and the measures then adopted seem to have fallen short of the object intended. The transfer of Cuba Lodge, No. 3, and Regla Lodge, No. 6, from the D. D. Grand Sire to the jurisdiction of Florida, a movement made in the interest of peace and for the purpose of clearing away the difficulty which seemed to retard the progress and growth of our Order in the Island of Cuba, has met with no favor from the Grand Lodge of Florida, and that jurisdiction has refused to accept the care and control of said Cuba Lodge, No. 3, and Regla Lodge, No. 6, and compelling the Grand Sire to issue an order declaring these Lodges to be under the immediate jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge. The hostility to the D. D. Grand Sire, Bro. JOSE ANTONIO LOPEZ, has in no wise abated, the said Cuba Lodge, No. 3, and Regla Lodge, No. 6, having refused, and as we learn from the correspondence, do still refuse to recognize his authority, and ignore him in their official acts and communications, and so far as we can see, are not disposed to obey the orders of the Grand Sire. The premises considered, your committee would be delighted to be able to suggest or point out the remedy, and make a solution of this vexed question. To place these Lodges, as was then desired, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Florida, would necessarily cause a great deal of friction, and perhaps bring about a clash of authority between the D. D. Grand Sire for the jurisdiction of Cuba and the Grand Lodge of

Florida, and therefore, in our opinion, would be unwise and impolitic; and while admitting that the creation and organization of a Grand Lodge for the Island of Cuba, with a head acceptable to all the Lodges in that island, might possibly remove all the dissensions which now distract the Fraternity and retard its growth, yet in view of the fact that they have a less number of Lodges than is required by existing law to entitle them to a Grand Lodge, and one of the seven now existing seeming to be defunct, having only three members on its rolls, we are unwilling to recommend any change or relaxation of the law, and your committee therefore offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That all orders placing Lodges of the Island of Cuba under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Florida, be and the same are hereby rescinded, and the Lodges of Cuba are hereby declared to be under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the correspondence touching the appointment of the present D. D Grand Sire be referred to the incoming Grand Sire, and that he be governed, in the matter of appointment of a Deputy for Cuba, with a view to the selection of some one who will be acceptable to the Lodges in that island.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. BARRY,	J. T. PETTY,	FRANCIS RAE,
W. L. WHEPLEY,	HERMAN BLOCK,	F. DE MARS,
JOHN P. PHISTER,	R. RADFORD BARNES,	J. NEWSALT.

Rep. PETTY, of the District of Columbia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the petition of Veritas Lodge, No. 2, of Sweden, asking the remission of dues to the amount of $65.75, beg leave to report:

This appeal comes to us from a Lodge lately organized in a distant land, where Odd Fellowship is comparatively unknown. Its members have enthusiastically accepted the principles and teachings of our Order, and are earnestly striving for their establishment. But if our Fraternity is to live and grow in Sweden, it will need the fostering care and kindly offices of this Sovereign Body. In view of all the facts and circumstances of the case, your committee are of the opinion that the request is a reasonable one, and should be granted. We therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the request of Veritas Lodge, No. 2, of Sweden, for the remission of dues, be and the same is hereby granted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. THOS. PETTY,	HERMAN BLOCK,	W. A. BARRY,
F. DE MARS,	FRANCIS RAE,	JOHN P. PHISTER,
W. L. WHEPLEY,	R. RADFORD BARNES,	J. NEWSALT.

Rep. BLOCK, of Iowa, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Foreign Relations respectfully reports that it has fully considered and examined all parts of the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, relating to the Grand Jurisdiction of Australasia, and the correspondence accompanying the same, as well as a petition submitted at this session by the Grand Lodge of said Grand Jurisdiction, praying that an amended Grand Charter might be made, investing said Grand Lodge with all

and singular, the extensive rights, powers and privileges heretofore by this Sovereign Grand Lodge granted to Independent Grand Lodges, and especially with the powers heretofore granted to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, and to make said Grand Lodge, as fully as could be done according to the well-defined policy of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, the Supreme Head of the Order in Australasia.

From the extensive and highly-interesting correspondence with Australasia we learn that, in this our most important Grand Jurisdiction, our beloved Order is in a prosperous condition. The increase of membership in Australasia during the year ending December 31st, 1887, is 1,337. While its membership has steadily increased, the Order in Australasia has suffered a great loss in the death of Bro. HUGH Ross, Past Grand Master, of Victoria, an earnest and ardent co-worker in Odd Fellowship, and as great a loss in the death, by accidental drowning, of Bro. WILLIAM STIRLING, Past Grand Sire. These distinguished Brothers, standing at the head of the Order, were well known to us, and, with Australasia, we mourn over their loss. The committee is pleased to report that a warm feeling of affection for American Odd Fellows exists in Australasia, that the course and policy of this Sovereign Grand Lodge and its position towards Australasia is now fully understood and appreciated; that great satisfaction is expressed throughout Australasia at our action concerning said Grand Jurisdiction had at our last session, in the city of Denver, Colorado, and doubtless our relations with the Grand Jurisdiction of Australasia will remain, as they now are, of a truly fraternal character.

Regarding the petition for an amended Grand Charter and a grant of further power, above referred to, as submitted by Australasia, your committee begs leave to report as follows:

At its session in the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, in the year 1885, and again at its session in the city of Denver, in the State of Colorado, in the year 1887, this Sovereign Grand Lodge, following its time-honored and well-defined policy to create and establish, in foreign countries wherein the strength of the Order should warrant the adoption of such a measure, a Supreme Head of the Order, with full power over Subordinates and all the powers of an Independent Grand Lodge, excepting only certain limited matters relating to the Secret Work, visitation, and the preservation of the cardinal principles of our Order (Journal, 933, 3,132, 4,439, 4,474, 7,681, 10,929, etc.), upon the report of its Committee on Foreign Relations, adopted the following resolution among others, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That as soon as the Grand Lodge of the Grand Jurisdiction of Australasia, BEING EITHER a legally-existing incorporated Body, *with full legal power to enforce upon its Subordinates its mandates:* OR *with the written proper consent of all its Subordinate Provincial Grand Lodges*, shall in proper form ask to receive and be invested with all the powers and privileges heretofore by us given and granted to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, as defined in the amended Charter to that Grand Lodge, and our contracts and stipulations with the same, it shall be granted and receive all said powers and privileges, subject only to like limitations as contained in the Charter and agreement with the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, and in the same manner and under the same formalities under which the latter received the same," and at the same time this Sovereign Grand Lodge also resolved that after obtaining the powers referred to in the foregoing resolution, Australasia might direct the transaction of ordinary Lodge business to take place in the Initiatory, instead of the Third Degree. (Journal, 10,929.)

A petition in proper form is now presented to the Sovereign Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of the Grand Jurisdiction of Australasia, praying that it may be invested with the powers and privileges referred to in the resolution quoted above, upon the terms therein stated, and that it may be granted an amended and supplemental Grand Charter containing the same.

We find that the said Grand Lodge of Australasia was, on account of legal

obstacles, prevented from becoming incorporated as suggested in the resolution above referred to, but we also find that said Grand Lodge has obtained the proper written consent of all the Provincial Grand Lodges in Australasia, to wit, of Victoria, New Zealand, South Australia, New South Wales and Tasmania, asking that the prayer of said petition of the Grand Lodge of Australasia be granted, and hence the committee find that said Grand Lodge of the Grand Jurisdiction of Australasia has complied with the conditions prescribed in the resolution of this Sovereign Grand Lodge quoted above, and that to carry out the promise of the said resolution, the prayer of the petition aforesaid of the Grand Lodge of the Grand Jurisdiction of Australasia should be granted, and the committee offer for your consideration and recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the Grand Jurisdiction of Australasia be and is hereby made and created an Independent Sovereignty in Odd Fellowship, with full and complete and absolute power over the Order within said jurisdiction, and the Grand and Subordinate Lodges therein, in all matters and things except the following:

First. Said Grand Lodge of Australasia shall not, at any time hereafter, in any wise alter or repudiate any of the signs, tokens, pass-words, grips, or any part or portion of the Unwritten Work of the Order, as now known and practiced, or as may hereafter be prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Second. That as to the Ritual or Written Work contained in the printed Books of Lectures and Charges, the Grand Lodge of Australasia shall retain the substance (that is to say, the legends, sentiments and principles therein contained shall forever remain the same as prescribed and authorized by the Sovereign Grand Lodge), but may change the form of any and all of these in language and matter (always preserving the substance), so as to conform the same to the genius of its own people.

Third. That to this Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows be and is reserved the right and power to give to the Grand Lodge of Australasia the Annual Traveling Pass Word and explanation, and the Annual Pass Word of the Degree of Rebekah to be used within the jurisdiction of said Grand Lodge of Australasia, and that the Pass Words so given by this Sovereign Grand Lodge shall alone be used within said Grand Jurisdiction.

Fourth. That all Visiting Cards, Withdrawal Cards and Dismissal Certificates must be procured from this Grand Lodge; that no alteration shall be made in the qualification for membership in the Order, nor in the forms or ceremonies for instituting Grand or Subordinate Bodies, or installing the officers thereof; in the ceremonies for opening or closing such Bodies, or in any of the forms or ceremonies contained in the Book of Forms, but all of said forms and ceremonies shall be used as prescribed by this Sovereign Grand Lodge, and that the names, titles, duties of officers and qualification for office in the several Grand and Subordinate Bodies, as now prescribed by the laws of the Order, shall not be changed or altered without the consent of this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That an amended Grand Charter be made and attested in due form of law and delivered to the Grand Lodge of Australasia, conveying the powers granted by the foregoing resolutions, and reciting, also, the limitations contained in the same, and that the Grand Lodge of the Grand Jurisdiction of Australasia be required, upon its receipt, to make known to this Sovereign Grand Lodge, by proper written instrument, its acceptance of said amended Charter, and its agreement to comply with the terms and conditions thereof.

Resolved, That if the Grand Lodge of Australasia, after receiving and accepting the said amended Charter and grant of power as aforesaid, shall direct the transaction of ordinary Lodge business to take place in the Initiatory Degree, such action on its part shall not be held or considered a violation of the limitation against changes in the Unwritten Work, to be contained in said amended Grand Charter, although a transfer to the Initiatory from a higher degree of

certain parts of the Unwritten Work may be made necessary, as long as the Work itself is not in any manner altered or changed.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN BLOCK,	W. A. BARRY,	FRANCIS RAE,
W. L. WHEPLEY,	J. T. PETTY,	F. DE MARS,
JOHN P. PHISTER,	J. NEWSALT,	R. RADFORD BARNES.

Rep. BARNES, of the Lower Provinces, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Foreign Relations have carefully considered the report of the Grand Sire and correspondence of the Grand Secretary submitted therewith, relating to the Order in the Netherlands, and learn with great satisfaction, from the correspondence of D. D. Grand Sire HEN, that the Lodges already organized are working harmoniously and increasing in numbers, and we note with pleasure the application for a Charter for a Lodge to be located at Zutphen, and the hopefulness of D. D. Grand Sire HEN that if this Lodge prospers, the future of the Order in the Netherlands is assured.

Respectfully submitted,

R. RADFORD BARNES,	J. T. PETTY,	FRANCIS RAE,
W. L. WHEPLEY,	HERMAN BLOCK,	W. A. BARRY,
JOHN P. PHISTER,	F. DE MARS,	J. NEWSALT.

Rep. DE MARS, of South Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred so much of the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary as relates to the condition of the Order in Chile, would respectfully report that they have given careful consideration to the above subject, and are very sorry to report that the expectations formed at our last session, as set forth in the report on this subject, have not been realized.

For some cause not wholly clear to your committee, the Order in this jurisdiction has been steadily retrograding for several years. It was expected that the election of Bro. GONZALES to the position of Grand Master would have the effect to harmonize all discord existing in that unfortunate jurisdiction. But such has not been the case, and that worthy and zealous Brother, after a vain struggle, at last gave up the fight, January 5th, 1888. At that time there were only two Lodges working. About this time Bro. CARLOS J. HOLM received his commission as D. D. Grand Sire, and with great zeal went to work, and had, up to May 4th, 1888, the date of his last letter, organized two new Lodges, making four Lodges now working under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Your committee, under the peculiar circumstances of the case, as well as from the general expression and tone of the correspondence in our hands, believe that for the present it will be for the best interest of the jurisdiction to work under the immediate supervision of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, trusting that by the next meeting of this Grand Lodge there will be a marked improvement in the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

F. DE MARS,	J. T. PETTY,	FRANCIS RAE,
W. L. WHEPLEY,	HERMAN BLOCK,	W. A. BARRY,
JOHN P. PHISTER,	R. RADFORD BARNES,	J. NEWSALT.

Rep. GIBSON, of Nebraska, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. TABER, of Massachusetts, to wit, "That a jewel be provided for the office of Financial Secretary of a Rebekah Degree Lodge,"

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the jewel for the Financial Secretary of a Rebekah Degree Lodge shall be the same, in size and form, as the jewel for the Secretary, without the word underneath it.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR GIBSON, CHARLES A. JEWELL, DANIEL P. CELLEY,
J. H. CRICHLOW, I. F. CLARK, ROBT. HOCKIN,
A. N. GRANT, GEO. GREENFIELD.

Rep. JEWELL, of New Hampshire, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom were referred the memorials and petitions of the Daughters of Rebekah from the State of Illinois, presented by Rep. ORENDORFF, of Illinois; from the State of Iowa, presented by Rep. POWERS, of Iowa; from the State of Missouri, presented by Reps. REDHEFFER and SMITH, of Missouri, and from the State of Minnesota, presented by Rep. COCKBURN, of Minnesota, asking permission to hold a General Convention of the Daughters of Rebekah, at the time and place of holding the next annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, having considered the same, report the following resolution, and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That permission is hereby given for holding a General Convention of the Daughters of Rebekah, at the time and place of the next annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the several State and Grand Jurisdictions may choose, by convention or otherwise, lady delegates, not exceeding four from each State or Grand Jurisdiction, to such General Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. JEWELL, ARTHUR GIBSON, I. F. CLARK,
DANIEL P. CELLEY, A. N. GRANT.

Rep. MACK, of Nevada, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution introduced by Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, asking that permission be granted to Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, to place on the floor, after the Ritual Work has been completed, such Beautified Work as they may wish,

Respectfully report that unless the additions to the work desired be submitted to the committee, it is impossible for us to determine whether such additions would be beneficial or not. We are of the opinion that to grant the request would be opening the door to many changes not recognized by this

Body, and would tend to destroy uniformity in the Work of this degree; and we are further of the opinion that the authority already given in this line (*see* Rebekah Ritual, page 8) is all that is expedient, unless there be an entire revision of the Work of this degree.

We therefore recommend that this committee be discharged from any further consideration of this subject.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. MACK,	CHARLES A. JEWELL,	J. H. CRICHLOW,
ARTHUR GIBSON,	A. N. GRANT,	I. F. CLARK,
GEO. GREENFIELD,	ROBT. HOCKIN,	DANIEL P. CELLEY.

Rep. CLARK, of Minnesota, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. DUTEMPLE, of Rhode Island, which reads as follows:

"*Resolved*, That it shall be lawful for Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, whenever their regular meetings fall upon legally established or generally recognized holidays, to omit such session,"

Would report that we believe that the above resolution is in accordance with the established usages and customs of the Order, and we therefore recommend that said resolution be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

I. F. CLARK,	CHARLES A. JEWELL,	J. H. CRICHLOW,
GEO GREENFIELD,	C. E MACK,	ARTHUR GIBSON,
DANIEL P. CELLEY,	A. N. GRANT,	ROBT. HOCKIN.

Rep. JONES, of Maryland, from the Special Committee on the History and Manual of Odd Fellowship, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the preamble and resolution, submitted by Rep. JONES, of Maryland, in reference to the History and Manual of Odd Fellowship, a copy of which has been presented to each officer and Grand Representative, would respectfully report that we have read with much care and interest the work referred to us for examination, which has been carefully prepared by Bro. THEO. A. Ross, Grand Secretary, and published by The M. W. Hazen Co, of New York, and pronounce it by far the most complete and authentic work on Odd Fellowship we have ever seen.

The introduction by Bro. JOHN H. WHITE, Grand Sire, is most able and instructive.

The first chapter, of 320 pages, gives the history of the Order from its formation to 1888, and contains extracts from the eleven thousand pages of the Journals of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Bro. Ross has shown great care and discrimination in the preparation of this chapter, necessarily a very laborious and difficult undertaking.

Chapter III., treating of the Grand Jurisdictions of Odd Fellowship and their beginnings, is of the greatest interest to the Order, and its writing must have involved innumerable hours of labor and research. An immense amount of time was consumed in the preparation of the statistics of growth, showing, in tabulated form, the progress of the Order in each jurisdiction, and these tables will be of inestimable value to the Order.

The book also contains a Manual of the Work and Usages of the Order, the history of the Encampment Branch, the Patriarchs Militant, the Rebekah Degree and the Manchester Unity, the work concluding with a most excellent chapter on the aims and attainments of Odd Fellowship.

Bro. Ross has been ably assisted by Bros. H. L. STILLSON, P. G. M., of Vermont; J. FLETCHER WILLIAMS, P. G. M., of Minnesota; GEORGE COBURN, P. G., of Maryland, and Mrs. L. B. HALL, of Indiana.

We find in the book little to criticise, much to commend, and therefore recommend that the "History" be cordially indorsed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as invaluable to every member of the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. M. JONES, FRANCIS E. MERRIMAN, I. F. CLARK.

Rep. JEWELL, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report, on pages 11,122 and 11,123, as relates to the Degree of Rebekah, also the resolution presented by Rep. DILKS, of New York, relative to conferring the Rebekah Degree in Subordinate Lodges, and also in relation to qualifications for elective officers in Subordinate Lodges, having considered the subjects embraced therein, submit the following resolutions and recommend their adoption:

Resolved, That hereafter the Degree of Rebekah shall only be conferred by Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah.

Resolved, That all laws requiring elective officers in Subordinate Lodges to have obtained the Degree of Rebekah, be and are hereby repealed.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. JEWELL, ARTHUR GIBSON, DANIEL P. CELLEY,
I. F. CLARK, C. E. MACK, A. N. GRANT,
J. H. CRICHLOW, ROBT. HOCKIN.

Rep. JEWELL, of New Hampshire, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred a proposed Burial Ceremony for Lodges of Sorrow, presented by Rep. HENRY, of Vermont, having considered the same, report that in the opinion of your committee, the form of Burial Ceremony for Daughters of Rebekah, adopted at the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at Denver, (Journal of 1887, page 10,983,) is all that seems to be required, and we therefore report that the adoption of the form of Burial Service submitted by Rep. HENRY, of Vermont, is inexpedient.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. JEWELL, J. H. CRICHLOW, ARTHUR GIBSON,
C. E. MACK, DANIEL P. CELLEY, I. F. CLARK,
ROBT. HOCKIN, A. N. GRANT.

Rep. CRICHLOW, of Tennessee, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom were referred the decisions of the Grand Sire, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same, and submit the following:

Resolved, That the decisions of the Grand Sire, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, be and the same are hereby approved. With reference to Decision 8, the committee is of the opinion that to conform to the analogy referred to in said decision, the words "or Dismissal Certificate" should follow the words "Withdrawal Card" in the fifth line of said decision, and with such addition, the committee recommend the adoption of Decision 8.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. CRICHLOW,	C. E. MACK,	CHAS. A. JEWELL,
I. F. CLARK,	ARTHUR GIBSON,	A. N. GRANT,
ROBT. HOCKIN,	GEO. GREENFIELD,	DANIEL P. CELLEY.

Rep. JEWELL, of New Hampshire, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah to whom was referred the request of Naomi Degree Lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah, of the District of Columbia, for the conferring of the Rebekah Degree exclusively in Rebekah Degree Lodges, presented by Rep. DUFOUR, having considered the same, report that the subject of the request has been already submitted in a former report, and therefore further action of the committee on the matter is unnecessary.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS A. JEWELL,	C. E. MACK,	ARTHUR GIBSON,
ROBT. HOCKIN,	J. H. CRICHLOW,	DANIEL P. CELLEY,
I. F. CLARK,	A. N. GRANT.	

Rep. MACK, of Nevada, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. POWERS, of Iowa, asking that a Beautified Work for the Degree of Rebekah be provided by this Sovereign Grand Lodge, so that Work in Rebekah Lodges shall be uniform, and one requiring the least number of members to place the Work on the floor, respectfully report:

That we have carefully considered the same, and are convinced that there is in the Rebekah Lodges a desire for an official Beautified Work to insure uniformity in the Work of that degree.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to examine the various beautified forms of Work in use and those that may be presented to them, and determine whether it is advisable for this Body to adopt an official Beautified Work for that degree, and report at the next session of this Grand Body, and that the same be done without expense to this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. MACK,	DANIEL P. CELLEY,	A. N. GRANT,
ROBT. HOCKIN,	J. H. CRICHLOW,	ARTHUR GIBSON,
I. F. CLARK,	GEO. GREENFIELD,	CHAS. A. JEWELL.

Rep. CRICHLOW, of Tennessee, from the same committee, made the following minority report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The undersigned members of your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah respectfully dissent from the views of the majority of the committee as submitted in their report, recommending the adoption of the resolution authorizing an annual convocation of the Daughters of the Degree of Rebekah, at the same time and place of meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is not deemed wise, necessary nor expedient to grant the legislation asked for, and that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. CRICHLOW, C. E. MACK.

Rep. OLIVER, of Ontario, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Texas, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend its approval with the following amendment. In the fifth line, after the word "least," strike out the word "six" and insert the word "twelve."

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved, That the amended Constitution of the above named Grand Encampment, as now amended, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH OLIVER, GEO. W. LEE, LE F. A. SHAW,
GEO. WHIPPLE, JOHN G. DEUBERT, C. B. EDWARDS,
J. B. SHERIDAN, W. W. HENRY, W. J. BRADSHAW.

Rep. LEE, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, would report that they have carefully examined the same, and would recommend its approval with the exception of the following: Article IV., Section 1, "*Elective Officers*," strike out "Medical Director," as there is no provision made for the election of a Medical Director. (*See* Digest.) Article VII., ninth line, after the word "Lodge," add "provided that at least five of the said applicants are holders of unexpired Withdrawal Cards." (*See* Journal of Sovereign Grand Lodge, pages 10,115, 10,951, 11,005.)

We offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, with the exception of the above, be and is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. LEE, C. B. EDWARDS, JOHN G. DEUBERT,
WM. W. HENRY, JOSEPH OLIVER, GEO. WHIPPLE,
LE F. A. SHAW, W. J. BRADSHAW.

Rep. LEE, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, would report that they have carefully examined the same, and would recommend its approval with the exception of the following:

Article VIII., Section 1, strike out the first three lines. Ninth line, after the word "Lodge," add "provided that at least five of the said applicants are holders of unexpired Withdrawal Cards." (*See* Journal of Sovereign Grand Lodge, pages 10,115, 10,951, 11,005.)

We offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, with the exception of the above, be and is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. LEE, JOSEPH OLIVER, C. B. EDWARDS,
GEO. WHIPPLE, JOHN G. DEUBERT, LE F. A. SHAW,
WM. W. HENRY, W. J. BRADSHAW.

Rep. WHIPPLE, of Iowa, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, would report that they have examined the same, and find nothing therein contrary to the laws of this Grand Lodge. We offer the following:

Resolved, That the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia be and is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. WHIPPLE, W. J. BRADSHAW, LE F. A. SHAW,
JOHN G. DEUBERT, JOSEPH OLIVER, WM. W. HENRY,
J. B. SHERIDAN, GEO. W. LEE, C. B. EDWARDS.

Rep. WHIPPLE, of Iowa, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Utah, have carefully examined the same, and would recommend its approval, with the exception of the following in Section 1, Article II., in the fourth line: Strike out the words "semi annually" and insert "biennially." Also strike out all of Section 2, Article V., "No officer shall officiate in the Grand Encampment during the time of his trial." This we believe to be in conflict with Section 1313, Digest of this Grand Lodge. We therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Utah, with the above changes, be and is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. WHIPPLE, JOSEPH OLIVER, GEO. W. LEE,
JOS. B. SHERIDAN, JOHN G. DEUBERT, C. B. EDWARDS,
LE F. A. SHAW, W. J. BRADSHAW.

Rep. KENT, of New Mexico, laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The undersigned propose the following amendment to Section 2, Article XVI., of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge:

Article XVI., Section 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order, except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, however*, that in Australia, New Zealand and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation; *provided further, however*, that a person who sells intoxicating liquors at retail for the purpose of livelihood, shall not be entitled to admission to the Order.

A. J. KENT, of New Mexico.
A. E. GIPSON, of Colorado.
FRANK A. TUTTLE, of Colorado.
ARTHUR GIBSON, of Nebraska,
RUFUS B. GIFFORD, of Massachusetts.
TRUMAN SMITH, of New Hampshire.

Rep. MERRIMAN, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the matter of petition and institution of a Subordinate Lodge at Malmo, in the Kingdom of Sweden, submit the following report:

They find the petition signed by five persons claiming to hold Withdrawal Cards from Scania Lodge, No. 1, duly established at said Malmo. The petition is accompanied with five Withdrawal Cards, among them being one issued to "Christ. Alfred Olsson, Rec. Sec.," but it is signed in the margin "Alfred Olsson." The name which appears in the body of the petition is written "Christian Alfred Olsson," but the signature of this petitioner, evidently by the same hand as that in the margin of the Withdrawal Card, is "Alfred Olsson." The return of the Special Deputy Grand Sire states that he installed the officers, among others "C. A. Olsson, F. S." Your committee consider these variations of grave importance. No Subordinate Lodge would be justified in admitting to its Lodge-room under this Withdrawal Card, while in session, said Olsson, as it is clearly apparent "Christ. Alfred Olsson" was the Brother to whom the Withdrawal Card was issued, and not "Alfred Olsson," who places his name in its margin. The law of "no variation" must apply to this matter, it seems to your committee. We would therefore submit the following, and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Special Deputy Grand Sire who instituted the Lodge prayed for, August 1st, 1888, and which is hailed and called Amicitia Lodge, No. 3, in the Kingdom of Sweden, with a view of ascertaining whether said Olsson with the several aliases is one and the same person, and if found to be the same, that the Withdrawal Card, petition, and return of the Special Deputy Grand Sire be corrected so that they may correspond in this particular regard.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS E. MERRIMAN, HIRAM HILL, FRANCIS M. REA,
C. D. ANDERSON, J. T. HEDRICK, WM. R. DUTEMPLE,
C. H. DORSETT, D. A. BUCHER.

Rep. JONES, of Maryland, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. GIBSON, of Texas, relating to the petition of Garabaldi Lodge, No. 321, to have the Ritual printed in the Italian language, respectfully report that they have given the matter due consideration, and are of the opinion that it would be inexpedient, at this time, to grant the request, and therefore submit the annexed resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. JONES,	JOHN G. CLARK,	WM. H. ISZARD,
C. D. COBB,	C. M. BUSBEE,	C. A. ROBBE,
GILBERT F. ROBBINS,	S. H. KELSEY,	E. K. WILCOX.

Rep. ORENDORFF, of Illinois, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the decisions of the Grand Sire, numbered from 19 to 35, inclusive, 39 to 45, inclusive, 47 to 52, inclusive, and 54 to 68, inclusive, report that they have duly considered the same, and find that they are in harmony with the laws and usages of the Order, and therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved. That the above named decisions are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED ORENDORFF,	CHAS. R. GIBSON,	J. B. FRIEDHEIM,
A. E. GIPSON,	O. J. SEMMES,	LEWIS PARKER,
STEPHEN TERRY,	S. S. FALLASS,	HENRY ROBERTSON.

Rep. WHIPPLE, of Iowa, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and find nothing therein that is in conflict with the laws of this Grand Lodge. We therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa be and is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. WHIPPLE,	GEO. W. LEE,	W. J. BRADSHAW,
C. B. EDWARDS,	JOSEPH OLIVER,	JOS. B. SHERIDAN,
JOHN G. DEUBERT,	LE F. A. SHAW.	

Rep. WHIPPLE, of Iowa, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Iowa, have had the same under consideration, and find nothing therein contrary to the laws and Constitution of this Grand Lodge. We therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Iowa be and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. WHIPPLE, C. B. EDWARDS, JOSEPH OLIVER,
JOHN G. DEUBERT, WM. W. HENRY, J. B. SHERIDAN,
LE F. A. SHAW, W. J. BRADSHAW.

Rep. WHEPLEY, of Arizona, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the correspondence had with the D. D. Grand Sire, W. J. DE GRESS, of Mexico, would respectfully report that they have carefully examined the same, and find nothing therein contained requiring any action on the part of this Sovereign Grand Lodge. We find that the Encampment Branch of our Order is giving great satisfaction and infusing new life and activity in the ranks of the Subordinate Lodges, and from the correspondence of the D. D. Grand Sire, we feel assured that this coming year will be a prosperous one, as far as our Order is concerned, in Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. WHEPLEY, J. T. PETTY, W. A. BARRY,
F. DE MARS, FRANCIS RAE, JOHN P. PHISTER,
R. RADFORD BARNES, HERMAN BLOCK.

Rep. WHEPLEY, of Arizona, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the correspondence of D. D. Grand Sire W. E. FOSTER and others, from the Sandwich Islands, have carefully examined the same. We find there is considerable trouble over the appointment of D. D. Grand Sire, but trust that whoever the Grand Sire may appoint, from year to year, will receive the hearty support of the members in the above jurisdiction. While there has not been any material increase in membership, still the Lodges are in good financial condition.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. WHEPLEY, J. T. PETTY, F. DE MARS,
JOHN P. PHISTER, HERMAN BLOCK, W. A. BARRY,
FRANCIS RAE, R. RADFORD BARNES.

Rep. PETTY, of the District of Columbia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the petition of the Grand Lodge of Denmark, asking that a Charter be granted for an Inde-

pendent Grand Lodge, to be composed of the Kingdoms of Denmark, Sweden and Norway, and to be located in Copenhagen, have carefully considered the matter, and report as follows:

This is an application from Denmark for an Independent Grand Lodge, to have control of the Order in the Kingdoms of Denmark, Sweden and Norway. In Norway there is no Lodge of the I. O. O. F., but in Sweden we have three, namely, Scania, No. 1, Veritas, No. 2, and Amicitia, No. 3. Under date of November 16th, 1887, Veritas Lodge, No. 2, asked to be placed under the jurisdiction of Denmark, which request was complied with December 12th, 1887, (*vide* Grand Sire's report, present session, page 11,113,) but we are not advised as to the desire, in this regard, of Amicitia, No. 3, which Lodge is at present under the immediate control of this Sovereign Body.

If Amicitia Lodge indorses the application of the Grand Lodge of Denmark, it is the opinion of your committee that the Charter should be granted, in view of the precedent already established in the case of the German Empire. Before the latter was set apart as an independent Grand Jurisdiction, there was more or less of friction and misunderstanding, growing out of the differences in language, habits and modes of thought, which greatly hindered our progress. Since then, however, harmony has characterized our relations; all obstacles to our growth, in so far as we could do so, have been removed, and the fortunes of Odd Fellowship in Germany have been committed to the care of the Brethren most interested in its advancement, with every incentive to work earnestly for the dissemination of its principles among the enlightened people of that great empire. Denmark has prospered since her separation from Germany, and we believe that, when the consent of all parties in interest shall have been obtained, the creation of the proposed Scandinavian Grand Lodge, with restrictions and limitations similar to those of the agreement made with the Grand Lodge of Germany, would be a step in the right direction. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That before proceeding further in the matter of the request of the Grand Lodge of Denmark for the creation of an Independent Grand Lodge, to be composed of the Kingdoms of Denmark, Sweden and Norway, that the Grand Lodge of Denmark be required to obtain the consent of Amicitia Lodge, No. 3, thereto, and report the same to this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. PETTY, HERMAN BLOCK, W. A. BARRY,
F. DE MARS, FRANCIS RAE, JNO. P. PHISTER,
W. L. WHEPLEY, R. RADFORD BARNES.

Rep. RAE, of Ontario, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Foreign Relations beg leave to report that they have examined all parts of the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, as well as all the correspondence therewith submitted, relating to the condition of the Order in Peru. It seems that in Peru there are three Lodges, having a membership of 138 on December 31st, 1887. Your committee are pleased to be able to report that the Encampment has again elected officers and resumed work. Financial depression and "hard times" have operated against the rapid extension of our Order in Peru, but the Brotherhood seem to be filled with the true spirit of Odd Fellowship, and your committee feel assured that the Order must eventually prosper.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS RAE, W. A. BARRY, F. DE MARS,
R. RADFORD BARNES, HERMAN BLOCK, J. T. PETTY,
J. NEWSALT, JOHN P. PHISTER, W. L. WHEPLEY.

Rep. RAE, of Ontario, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Foreign Relations respectfully report that they have examined the correspondence and also those portions of the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary relating to the condition of the Order in France, and find that Odd Fellowship is not only maintaining the foothold it has attained, but is making progress. Concorde Lodge, No. 1, had, on December 31st, 1887, a membership of 75, and a Charter has been granted for another Lodge, Fraternité, No. 2, which, we have every reason to believe, will soon be in successful operation. The greatest care is being exercised in the admission of new members, only such persons being admitted as are likely to prove "good men and true." By strictly adhering to this course, the Brothers are laying a sure foundation upon which to rear the superstructure.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS RAE,	J. T. PETTY,	R. RADFORD BARNES,
W. L. WHEPLEY,	HERMAN BLOCK,	W. A. BARRY,
F. DE MARS,	JNO. P. PHISTER.	

Rep. ELLINGHAM, of West Virginia, from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. GRANT, of Indiana, as follows: "That the law as contained in Section 141a, page 39, Digest, be amended so as to read as follows: 'The Noble Grand and Recording Secretary of a Lodge, and the Chief Patriarch and Scribe of an Encampment, may issue Visiting Cards to members in good standing, when application is made to them in writing,'" recommend the adoption of the above resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

W. ELLINGHAM,	FRED. CARLETON,	E. D. HOGE,
E. D. MOORE,	H. C. HEDGES,	L. GRAHAM,
CL. T. CAMPBELL,	J. R. MILLER,	T. J. ATKINS.

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation have considered the motion of Rep. COOPER, of Indiana, asking legislation requiring balloting for the degrees in the Subordinate Encampment to be in the Royal Purple Degree. Your committee find no legislation on the subject. In the Subordinate Lodge, it is provided that balloting for all the degrees, including the Initiatory, must always be in the Third Degree.

We believe the same rule should prevail in the Subordinate Encampment, and therefore recommend the following:

Resolved, That balloting for the degrees in the Subordinate Encampment, must always be in the Royal Purple Degree.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. HEDGES,	E. D. HOGE,	L. GRAHAM,
T. J. ATKINS,	FRED. CARLETON,	JAS. R. MILLER,
E. B. MOORE,	WM. ELLINGHAM,	CL. T. CAMPBELL.

Rep. CARLETON, of Texas, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred so much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to the propriety of permitting Subordinate Bodies to set apart a portion of their revenues to constitute a special entertainment fund, to be expended in celebrations, entertainments, balls, etc., and which is to be found on page 11,123 of said report, beg leave to report that we have considered said matter, and believing that to permit such fund to be created is not for the good of the Order, and would likely lead to extravagant expenditure of funds by such Bodies, recommend that no change be made looking to the creation of such fund, and that they be discharged from the further consideration of the question.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED. CARLETON,	HENRY C. HEDGES,	L. GRAHAM,
T. J. ATKINS,	E. D. HOGE,	CL. T. CAMPBELL,
E. B. MOORE,	JAS. R. MILLER,	W. ELLINGHAM.

Rep. CARLETON, of Texas, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. KINES, of Quebec, asking for appropriate legislation creating and instituting a Juvenile Order of Odd Fellows, beg leave to report that in their judgment such Juvenile Order would not be to the interests of the Order, and for that reason they recommend that the legislation asked for be not enacted, and that they be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED. CARLETON,	HENRY C. HEDGES,	E. D. HOGE,
E. B. MOORE,	L. GRAHAM,	T. J. ATKINS,
CL. T. CAMPBELL,	JAS. R. MILLER,	W. ELLINGHAM.

Rep. HEDRICK, of Nebraska, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of W. R. SPOONER, "that copies of the Daily Journal be sold to subscribers," would report that we have had the same under careful consideration, and believe it to be inexpedient to print and sell extra copies of the Daily Journal at the present time. This, however, is a matter which your committee believe will require attention in the near future. We find, from inquiry, that in some of the jurisdictions there are requests for many more copies than the Representatives can supply, and the demand will continue to grow. Whether the better way to meet the demand would be to sell copies or to increase the supply to Grand Representatives, your committee are not advised. We offer the following:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the petition.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HEDRICK,	WM. R. DUTEMPLE,	FRANCIS E. MERRIMAN,
C. D. ANDERSON,	C. H. DORSETT,	FRANCIS M. REA,
HIRAM HILL,	D. A. BUCHER,	JAMES G. MAGUIRE.

Rep. CLARK, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution found on page 11,228 of the Journal, adopted by the Grand Lodge of Dakota, concerning the sufficiency of proof of qualifications to sit in said Grand Lodge, and the letter of transmittal, and find that it is not properly before this Grand Body for consideration, for the following reasons, to wit: No appeal has been taken from the action of the Grand Lodge of Dakota, under Section 4 of Article I. of the Constitution, in adopting said resolution; nor has a question been submitted by the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction, nor by any officer thereof authorized to submit questions under Section 1 of Article IV. of the Constitution, as interpreted in Sections 1362, 1363 and 1364 of White's Digest.

Your committee therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of this subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. CLARK, WM. H. ISZARD, JNO. M. JONES,
S. H. KELSEY, C. M. BUSBEE, C. D. COBB,
C. A. ROBBE, G. F. ROBBINS.

Rep. ROBBE, of Georgia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred the following petitions, plans and resolutions, praying the Sovereign Grand Lodge to establish or adopt some plan of insurance or endowment for the use of the Order, viz.:

Plan for an endowment rank, submitted by Rep. GRAHAM, from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, on page 11,239 of the Journal. Also, a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of Nevada, presented by Rep. MACK, and entered on page 11,240 of the Journal, and a resolution from Rep. DE MARS, of South Carolina, respectfully report that we have duly considered all of these propositions as a whole, and are of the opinion that however beneficial some equitable plan of endowment (if adopted by this Grand Body), might be to the Order, the committee believe that so important a measure should not be too hastily drawn, as would necessarily be the case should the committee attempt to formulate a plan at this session, but, on the contrary, should be maturely considered during the recess; and

WHEREAS, The Special Committee on Insurance Associations appointed at the last session have reported, as printed in the Journal, page 11,337, recommending the appointment of a new committee, to whom all matters referring to insurance shall be referred, to report their conclusions at the next session of this Grand Lodge; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order do indorse the recommendation to appoint said committee, and recommend the reference of all matter pertaining to the "insurance feature" presented at this session, to them, and most respectfully suggest that parties having plans, or other information relating to insurance, submit the same to that committee for their consideration during the recess.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. ROBBE, JOHN M. JONES, S. H. KELSEY,
JOHN G. CLARK, C. M. BUSBEE, C. D. COBB,
WM. H. ISZARD, E. K. WILCOX, G. F. ROBBINS.

Rep. ISZARD, of New Jersey, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred decisions of the Grand Sire, Nos. 36, 37, 38 and 53, as found on pages 11,102 and 11,104 of Journal, would report that we have examined the same in detail, and recommend their approval.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. ISZARD,	JNO. M. JONES,	G. F. ROBBINS,
C. M. BUSBEE,	C. A. ROBBE,	S. H. KELSEY,
C. D. COBB,	JOHN G. CLARK.	

Rep. KELSEY, of Kansas, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Sire's report as refers to the "Condition of the Order," and his remarks as to "Degrees and Ceremonies," and also the reference in the Grand Secretary's report as to the condition of the Order in the United States and Canada, beg leave to report:

1st. That the Independent Order of Odd Fellows is to be congratulated on its unprecedented increase in membership and interest during the past year, its large increase in wealth, power and influence, and the strong growing evidence of extended appreciation of the importance and magnitude of our Order, not only with our own membership, but with all classes and societies outside of the Order, and your committee believe that this renewed and increased prosperity in our Order is due in a great measure to the unceasing labors, acknowledged executive ability, and the strong, warm, heart-felt devotion to our grand Order, of the officers of this Grand Body.

2d. Your committee have carefully read the Grand Sire's remarks as to "Degrees and Ceremonies," and believe the conclusions therein presented are timely, and heartily approve of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. KELSEY,	JNO. M. JONES,	C. M. BUSBEE,
G. F. ROBBINS,	C. D. COBB,	C. A. ROBBE,
WM. H. ISZARD,	JOHN G. CLARK,	E. K. WILCOX.

Rep. SHAW, of Washington, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the By-Laws and Rules of Order of Gila Encampment, No. 3, Arizona, beg leave to report that we have considered the same, and finding nothing therein in conflict with the Constitution for Subordinate Encampments as provided by the Sovereign Grand Lodge for Encampments under its immediate jurisdiction, we recommend their approval. We therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the By-Laws and Rules of Order of Gila Encampment, No. 3, Arizona, be and the same are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

LE F. A. SHAW,	JOS. B. SHERIDAN,	JOSEPH OLIVER,
JOHN G. DEUBERT,	GEO. WHIPPLE,	GEO W. LEE,
W. J. BRADSHAW,	C. B. EDWARDS,	W. W. HENRY.

Rep. SMITH, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Returns, to whom were referred the annual reports of Encampments 1, 2, 3 and 4, of the Kingdom of Denmark, have examined the same and found them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

J. BARTON SMITH,	J. FRANK GRANT,	JOHN A. GLIDDEN,
JAS. F. CROSETT,	J. S. CODDING,	F. T. MERRILL,
A. G. SMITH,	I. H. COE,	ANDREW S. MILICE.

Rep. SMITH, of New Jersey, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the report of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

J. BARTON SMITH,	J. FRANK GRANT,	F. T. MERRILL,
A. G. SMITH,	J. S. CODDING,	ISAAC H. COE,
JOHN A. GLIDDEN,	JAS. F. CROSETT,	ANDREW S. MILICE.

Rep. SMITH, of New Jersey, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the annual report of the Grand Encampment of Alabama, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and found it correct, except there is no report as to number of Encampments in the jurisdiction, also no report of number of Patriarchs relieved, number of widowed families relieved or Patriarchs buried.

Respectfully submitted,

J. BARTON SMITH,	J. FRANK GRANT,	JOHN A. GLIDDEN,
JAS. F. CROSETT,	J. S. CODDING,	F. T. MERRILL,
A. G. SMITH,	I. H. COE,	ANDREW S. MILICE.

Rep. TUTTLE, of Colorado, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Miscellaneous Business, to whom was referred that portion of the report of the Grand Sire relating to Certificates issued for Past Official, Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment Degrees, also the matter of the appointment of District Deputy Grand Sires for the year 1888, would respectfully report that we have given the matters due consideration, and would recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Sire in the matter of issuing Certificates for Past Official, Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment Degrees and appointments of District Deputy Grand Sires for the year 1888, be and hereby is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK A. TUTTLE, ROBT. W. TABER, ALFRED SLACK,
ISAAC T. HART, LEONARD P. WOODBURY H. MCMURPHEY,
JAMES A. PRICE, D. B. LONG.

Rep. TUTTLE, of Colorado, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Miscellaneous Business, to whom was referred that portion of the report of the Grand Sire relating to his action in transferring Veritas Lodge, No. 2, Sweden, on the petition of that Lodge, to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Denmark, that Grand Lodge consenting to the transfer, recommend that the action of the Grand Sire be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK A. TUTTLE, H. MCMURPHEY, LEONARD P. WOODBURY,
ISAAC T. HART, ALFRED SLACK, ROBT. W. TABER,
JAS. A. PRICE, D. B. LONG.

Rep. MCMURPHEY, of Montana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Miscellaneous Business, having carefully examined the papers in the case of J. P. WILSON, from the Grand Lodge of Illinois, arrive at the conclusion that this is a direct appeal, and does not come under the supervision of this committee, and therefore ask that these papers go to the Committee on Appeals, and that we be discharged from further consideration of the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

H. MCMURPHEY, ALFRED SLACK, ROBT. W. TABER,
D. B. LONG, LEONARD P. WOODBURY, FRANK A. TUTTLE,
ISAAC T. HART, JAMES A. PRICE.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of T. B. ROBINSON, from the action of the Grand Lodge of California, respectfully report

that this appeal involves a claim for benefits from the 2d day of July, 1879, to the 20th day of June, 1883, at which date Templar Lodge, No. 17, of which he is a member, appointed a committee of investigation. (The references herein are to the pages of the printed appeal.)

The committee organized the night of their appointment, notified the parties to appear and proceed with their testimony, which they did from time to time, until January 27th, 1888, when the appellant and his counsel, for reasons then stated (page 212), refused further to attend the meetings of the Trial Committee.

The Trial Committee closed the evidence February 7th, 1888, and on February 13th concluded a review of the testimony and agreed upon their report, which will be found on pages 239, 240 and 241. The report was laid over as required by the By-Laws, and on March 2d the appellant filed his exceptions. The reading of the testimony was commenced and continued from time to time until the same was concluded.

The counsel for the appellant and the Lodge then summed up the case. The Lodge, by vote, overruled the exceptions and voted to adopt the report of the committee (page 251), except that finding of the committee (page 240) in which they say, "While the evidence of the medical witnesses who have testified before us is to the effect that the bronchitis and other diseases under which he claims to be suffering, may have arisen from his former asthmatic condition, there is no evidence to show that these diseases did positively originate in asthma," and in lieu thereof "finds and declares that Bro. ROBINSON, in his petition to this Lodge to become a member thereof, represented that he was in good health, and that he also answered affirmatively in the question-book, prior to his admission, to the effect that he was in sound health; and further finds that he had at those times asthma, as he then well knew, and that he fraudulently and knowingly gained admission into the Lodge, upon and by said false representations."

From this decision and finding of the Lodge, Bro. ROBINSON appealed to the Grand Lodge, specifying twenty-one grounds of appeal. The Grand Lodge affirmed the decision of the Lodge, from which affirmance Bro. ROBINSON appeals to this Grand Body.

The trial has been a long and tedious one, extending through a period of over four years and a half. Sixty-eight witnesses have been examined, ranging in their testimony through a period of fifty years of Bro. ROBINSON's life.

Two points are made by the Lodge against the claim of Bro. ROBINSON to benefits:

First. That he is not so disabled by sickness or bodily infirmity as to be unable to earn a livelihood.

Second. That when he joined the Lodge he had asthma in such fixed and chronic form as to impair his health to that extent that made his statement, when he joined the Lodge, that he was in "good health," false, and that he intentionally concealed it.

Templar Lodge has a By-Law which, in addition to the ordinary clause of disability, says: "If from any constitutional disease or bodily infirmity existing at the time of his admission, and intentionally concealed, he shall not be entitled to receive benefits."

From the undisputed facts in the case the following appears:

First. Bro. ROBINSON was born in Maine in 1824, and is now sixty-four years of age.

Second. When twelve or fourteen years of age he was put to the task and emptied two feather beds in a small room and beat the dust and dirt out of the feathers with a rattan. In doing so he became nearly suffocated. A physician was sent for, who administered emetics, and it was three or four weeks before he recovered, during which time he had what was called spasmodic asthma. These attacks returned upon him from time to time, for a period of one or two years.

Third. In 1843, he went to Philadelphia and worked at his trade, finishing

hats, for two and a half years He worked for a portion of the time, when his employer was driven with work every night until twelve o'clock and Saturday night all night, wholly on fur hats. During this time he was taken with another attack; was confined for about a week; was attended by Dr. MUTTER, of the Medical College of Philadelphia, who told him he had an attack of spasmodic asthma, that he must stop finishing fur hats and he thought he would get over it in time. After recovering from this attack he went to Boston and was employed finishing silk hats, exclusively, for a year, or year and a half; then returned to Portland, in Maine, and opened a hat, cap and fur store, and continued in that business there until he came to California in 1852.

Fourth. After coming here, he engaged in the manufacture, again, of silk hats; had some slight attacks for a time, but not as severe as those East. Dr. MUTTER and the family physician in Maine, both told him if he would give up the hat business he would undoubtedly get rid of it. After a time he did so, and he does not remember being laid up a week from the time he came to California until 1867, when, in repairing a sewer in Quincy street, that had partially caved in and filled with filth, he took a severe cold, called in Dr. AYERS, who said he had congestion of the lungs. He raised some blood, had soreness of the lungs and difficulty in breathing.

Fifth. In 1872, he was Outside Deputy in the street department, and also one of the Board of Registration of the Sixth Ward, and by exposures took a severe cold, with which he was confined to the house for about three weeks, and was attended by Dr. GARWOOD, who said it was an acute attack of bronchitis. After recovering, he went to business, and subsequently took another cold, had several relapses, when Dr. GARWOOD informed him that his bronchial trouble had become chronic, and that he also had heart trouble.

Sixth. Some time about the year 1847, before coming to California, he applied for and obtained a $3,000 insurance on his life in a New York company, and among the questions asked was this: "Did you ever have asthma?" To which he answered, "Yes." The physician of the company examined him and reported that he had spasmodic asthma, but that it was no detriment to his being insured.

Seventh. In 1863, eleven years after he became a resident of this State, he made the usual application and became a member of Templar Lodge, stating in his application that his health was good. The blank was not filled by him, and there is some question whether he did not sign it in blank. The committee upon his application, stated that they "had made the necessary and proper investigation and found him in every respect worthy of admission into the Order." Before his admission, he signed and answered the questions required, one of which was, "Are you, as far as you know, in sound health?" The book in which he signed answer to this question is lost, and only presumptively is it known how he answered it. At the time of his answer he told the Outside Conductor "that he had had spasmodic asthma."

Eighth. Bro. ROBINSON drew benefits as follows: 1867, October, $10.00; 1868, January, $10.00; 1872, February, November, December, $90.00; 1873, January, $40.00; 1874, January, February, March, April, May, August, September, October, November, December, $400.00; 1875, January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, $520.00; 1876, January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, $520.00; 1877, January, February, March, April, May, June, $250.00; 1878, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, $430.00; 1879, January, February, March, April, May, June, July, $270.00. Total, $2,540.00.

The Lodge refused to pay benefits longer, having doubts as to his inability to earn a livelihood, and appointed the Committee of Investigation. Out of that investigation this appeal has arisen.

The controverted facts in the case are the following:

First. The *degree* of physical disability of Bro. ROBINSON. That he is in a

degree disabled, all the witnesses, medical and others, agree. The lowest degree stated by any of the many physicians is that of Dr. SHARKEY, who says he examined him but once, and found a little bronchial respiration in the left lung, upper lobe, the right lung respiration normal—that is, healthy; pulse, about 75. Could not discover any disease in the chest of a grave or organic character. Or, perhaps, Dr. MURPHY, who says he made three separate examinations and analyzed his urine. "In the first two examinations," he says, "I could detect nothing wrong with him at all, except a slight bronchial catarrh; the third examination exhibited a slight asthma, no doubt induced by the aforesaid catarrh, or, perhaps, a little cold."

The testimony that carries his disability to the greatest extent, among the professionals, is that of his family physician, who had attended him from time to time since 1873. He says, at that time he had "an acute attack of bronchitis, an inflammation of the bronchial tubes, that other troubles followed, the result of numerous attacks of bronchial irritation; he had an enlargement of the heart, was troubled with his liver and kidneys, which caused general dropsy." In answer to the question, "Has he, at any time since you first visited him, professionally, had asthma?" He says, "Asthma is a peculiar disease of itself; he has not had asthma, but he has had asthmatic symptoms with his bronchitis; at the present time bronchitis has become with him a chronic disease."

Dr. MCPHERSON also testifies: "I was called by Mr. CURTIS, in 1878, to ascertain the physical condition of Mr. ROBINSON; I found him suffering from general dropsy, bronchial cough, enlargement of the liver, and impaired heart—not normal; his abdomen was swollen, also his limbs; saw him on two occasions afterwards, the second being several months after the first; I found him extremely ill—difficulty of breathing, with an extremely feeble pulse, scarcely perceptible, caused by the inactive condition of his heart, etc.; the third time was in 1881—August; I found him in a state of vertigo, and in bed, almost pulseless, cold extremities, nervous congestion, black in the face; was entirely unconscious; I applied restoratives, and in about two hours he regained consciousness; I observed this bronchial cough upon my first visit; his pulse was intermittent, caused by hypertrophy of the heart; hypertrophy of the heart is caused by bronchial trouble and congestion of the lungs or liver; the result is impaired circulation, general dropsy, general impaired condition of the physical system."

Around and between these two extremes, this large volume of testimony is clustered, the details of which it is needless to discuss.

Second. The conclusions or opinions of the witnesses, and the weight to which they are entitled.

A large portion of the witnesses for the Lodge have formed their opinions or drawn their conclusions from what they claim they saw and heard Bro. ROBINSON say. Twenty-eight are of this class, most of whom claim that he would change his manner as soon as he saw them, and appear very feeble.

Much feeling was manifested on the part of most of the witnesses on the trial, and, perhaps, no less by Bro. ROBINSON and the members of his family who were called to the stand. This unfortunate phase of the trial admonishes us that great care and discrimination should be exercised in weighing their testimony. The first question your committee have to determine is: Did Bro. ROBINSON gain admission to the Lodge by a fraudulent concealment of "a constitutional disease or bodily infirmity known to him at the time?"

From the *undisputed* facts in the case, it appears that the asthmatic difficulty under which he had labored was not constitutional; that it was uniformly produced by a local exciting cause; that none of his ancestors had been troubled with it; that two physicians, one of the highest medical authority, Dr. MUTTER, of the Medical College of Philadelphia, had told him that if he would leave his, then, business of finishing hats he would undoubtedly recover from it; that he had had it less since he came to California than he had when East; that it was spasmodic and not chronic asthma.

The testimony in the case shows the former to be a closing of the air cells from some exciting cause, such as the inhaling of dust, or fine particles of volatile matter, producing a difficulty of breathing; while the latter is an inflammation in the small bronchial tubes leading to the air cells.

A copy of his application for membership is found on page 228, and the indorsement of the committee thereon. So far as disclosed by the testimony, this petition was signed in a hurry, and in blank, and the blanks filled in by some one other than Bro. ROBINSON. (*See* testimony, page 189.) When the questions in the question-book were answered, he told the Outside Conductor that he had had spasmodic asthma. It does not appear that he at any time, to any one, *concealed* the fact that he had had spasmodic asthma at the East and since he came to California, but not as bad as at the East, and he further stated to several that he had not been kept from business a day in consequence, since he came to California.

Your committee therefore conclude that there was no concealment or fraud practiced by Bro. ROBINSON in gaining admission to Templar Lodge.

The second is: Was Bro. ROBINSON, from July 2d, 1879, to June 20th, 1883, so disabled by bodily sickness as to be unable to pursue his ordinary occupation, or otherwise earn a livelihood? In his application he states his occupation to be "a contractor." That has a very broad meaning. The proof shows him to have been a man of diversified occupation—a hatter, engineer, architect, gauger, collector, etc., thus having experience in a large class of business.

That he is in some degree afflicted with disease, is conceded by all. The only point of controversy is, is it to such a degree as to render him incapable of pursuing his usual occupation, or otherwise earning a livelihood? Upon this question the greater amount of the testimony in the case is offered. Thirty-five witnesses are called on behalf of the Lodge, eight of whom are physicians, all of whom give the facts from which they draw their conclusions, and conclude that he is not so disabled but that he could earn a livelihood if he felt disposed. Eight are called for Bro. ROBINSON, three of whom are physicians, who give the facts from which they draw their conclusions, and conclude that he is not able to pursue any business from which he could earn a livelihood.

The Committee of Investigation found that he was not so disabled. The Lodge sustained that finding, and the Grand Lodge has affirmed it.

Without going into any analysis of this testimony, when the conflict is so great, or attempting to reconcile it upon the hypothesis that the different witnesses may have made their examinations and observations at different periods of time, your committee do not deem it within their province, within the well-settled law of this Grand Body, to disturb the findings of the tribunals below, that had the witnesses before them. Especially when, as in this case, the great preponderance of the testimony is in favor of those findings. They therefore sustain the finding upon this point.

Many objections to the reception and exclusion of evidence appear in the record. Your committee have carefully examined them all, and do not find that had they been ruled favorably to the appellant it could have affected the result, if we except the one in relation to the certificates of physicians; and as to those, since the laws of the Grand Lodge of California, approved by this Grand Lodge (*see* Article VII., Section 4, Constitution for Subordinates), expressly declare that they shall not be received, but that the physicians must be called, and submit to a cross-examination, the ruling excluding them was correct.

The remaining questions raised before the committee arise upon the memorial referred to your committee, complaining that the statement of facts had not been settled and certified, as required by law, and asking that it be referred back for such settlement; also, that there are errors in the record sent up; also, casting reflections upon the Grand Officers, etc.

The record before your committee contains in full and detail, by questions

and answers, objection and exceptions, the entire proceedings in the case. Also, the reports and decision of the Trial Committee, Lodge and Grand Lodge. Also, all the exceptions filed, and the rulings and decisions thereon, duly certified, under seal, by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary. No errors or omissions were pointed out by the counsel for Bro. ROBINSON before your committee, and he expresses his willingness to proceed with the hearing upon the record as printed.

The appellant and Lodge had each served upon the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California, a notice to produce all of the original records in the case, for inspection and examination by the Appeals Committee and Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary had placed them in possession of your committee for any purpose they might be needed. The counsel for Bro. ROBINSON was so informed, and also informed that any part or parts, portion or portions, that he desired to refer to were at his disposal. He did not suggest a reference to any of them, nor specify any errors or omissions, and said he was satisfied with the record, and would and did proceed with his argument, *in extenso*, upon the merits. Your committee gave to the counsel for both parties about four hours of time, dividing it equally between them, and duly considered and weighed all the arguments they presented.

The reflections cast upon the Grand Officers by that memorial your committee deem entirely uncalled for, as nothing appears to warrant any of them. On the contrary, their action throughout appears to have been fair and impartial, and it is to be regretted that any such reflections should have been made.

In conclusion, your committee offer the following:

1st. Resolved, That the action and decision of Templar Lodge and the Grand Lodge of California, in the matter of the appeal of Bro. ROBINSON—finding and deciding that he gained admission to the Lodge through a fraudulent concealment of his health—be reversed.

2d. Resolved. That the action and decision of the Grand Lodge in sustaining the decision of the Committee of Investigation and Templar Lodge—that Bro. ROBINSON was not so disabled by bodily sickness, or other infirmity, from pursuing his ordinary business, or otherwise earning a livelihood—be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STEBBINS, R. E. WRIGHT, WM. H. COMLEY,
M. D. BRAINARD, JOHN B. GOODWIN, W. L. KUYKENDALL.

Rep. KENNER, of Indiana, from the same committee, made the following minority report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The undersigned members of your Committee on Appeals, who have had the case of Bro. T. B. ROBINSON *vs.* the Grand Lodge of California under consideration, find themselves unable to agree with the majority of the committee, and herewith submit their views and conclusions in the case to this Body.

The facts and history of this case, as gathered from a great mass of record, are as follows:

Bro. T. B. ROBINSON became a member of Templar Lodge, No. 17, of the jurisdiction of California, and located in San Francisco, in 1863, and continued to be in good standing until July 2d, 1879, and had, in the meantime, passed the chairs and became a Past Grand. On this 2d of July, 1879, he was expelled from the Order by Templar Lodge.

It is proper to state here that for three years and a half immediately preceding this July 2d, 1879, with but a slight interim, Bro. ROBINSON had drawn benefits from Templar Lodge. He had been reported sick and placed under

charge of the Relief Committee, and constantly reported sick, and regularly paid benefits from January, 1874, up to the 2d of July, 1879, and on that night the Lodge reported him as "about the same," and awarded him one week's benefits, and then during the same night, at about 1 o'clock in the morning, after all the members except seventeen had left, expelled him. ROBINSON appealed to the Grand Lodge of California, which Body affirmed Templar Lodge, whereupon the case was brought to this Grand Lodge and reversed, sent back (Pro., 1880, page 8381), and Templar Lodge a second time expelled him. A second time he appealed to the Grand Lodge of California, which Body again affirmed the case. He then appealed to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and a second time it was reversed by them (Pro., 1882, page 8950), and this time peremptorily ordered Bro. ROBINSON re instated to full membership.

This litigation occupied about four years, during which time Bro. ROBINSON was deprived of his membership, and any attentions or benefits from his Lodge, and to show the evident reluctance of Templar Lodge to comply with the mandates of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, we call attention to the fact that although the Sovereign Lodge directed the re instatement of Brother ROBINSON on September 18th, 1882, he was not re-instated until May 16th, 1883. After his re instatement Bro. ROBINSON was compelled to pay $66 dues and assessments for the time he had been expelled. This action the Sovereign Grand Lodge declared illegal, on appeal, and ordered Templar Lodge to repay. After the Brother was re-instated he filed a claim for sick benefits from July 2d, 1879, to time of filing the same, July 25th, 1883. This claim was refused, and a committee of five members of Templar Lodge was appointed June 20th, 1883, to investigate the claim and report upon his right to receive benefits.

This investigation will certainly stand alone in the annals of Odd Fellowship, as the most remarkable judicial proceeding ever known in our Order. Charged with the duty of ascertaining whether Bro. ROBINSON was entitled to sick benefits, this committee sat in the matter during a period of *four years, seven months and a half*, and would, in all probability, be sitting yet, had not ROBINSON, by petition to this Sovereign Body, at its Denver session, 1887, obtained a mandatory order requiring Templar Lodge to close it within ninety days from the receipt of the decision of this Body.

After this peremptory order by this Sovereign Body, Templar Lodge closed the case and reported on February 15th, 1888.

This report finds that while Bro. ROBINSON was sick, yet he might have engaged in some kind of business, and thereby earned a livelihood, and denied him benefits. Bro. J. M. CURTIS, one of the members of the committee, declined to sign the report, but made one of his own, in which he finds that he is satisfied that Bro. ROBINSON, a part of the time, was sick and unable to earn a livelihood, and should have been so reported and paid benefits, but holds that inasmuch as these times are not separated from the whole period, he was unable to ascertain how much was due Bro. ROBINSON. Bro. ROBINSON filed exceptions to the conclusions of the committee, but his exceptions were overruled and the report of the committee adopted. He thereupon appealed to the Grand Lodge of California, and filed exceptions to the report in that Body.

The appellant, ROBINSON, also, when the case was appealed to the Grand Lodge of California, informed the Grand Lodge that he had no opportunity to examine the transcript, which was very large, and contained 639 pages of matter, and asked for time to do so. The Appeals Committee reported, holding that the request was a reasonable one and recommended that he be granted the time, but the Grand Lodge of California refused to adopt the report and ordered the committee to report on the case. This the committee did, and overruled ROBINSON'S exceptions and sustained the action of Templar Lodge, and from this action Bro. ROBINSON appealed to this Grand Lodge, and this is the case now before you.

The appellant has filed many exceptions to the proceedings in this case. The minority desire to call the attention of this Grand Lodge to several of these, upon which the proper determination of the case depends.

During the progress of the investigation, Bro. ROBINSON, in the years 1883, 1884 and 1885, offered as evidence, in his behalf, certificates of certain competent and capable physicians, which certificates set forth the physical condition of Bro. ROBINSON, and some of which had been procured by Templar Lodge, as to his condition of health. These certificates, which numbered some twenty-five or thirty, and all showed Bro. ROBINSON'S ill health, were excluded. This action on the part of the committee we regard as an error, and injured the appellant's case. We arrive at such conclusion for two reasons.

First. A number of these certificates were procured by the Lodge as evidence to them of ROBINSON'S physical condition, and acted upon and used by them and benefits paid, and were on file in the Lodge, and the Lodge having done so, they became admissions of the Lodge against their interest, and bind them, and the Lodge will not now be permitted to dispute or reject them.

Second. One of the reasons for the rejection of these certificates is that the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California does not permit the evidence in this form, but we find nothing in that instrument warranting such a construction; besides this, the established and adopted forms of the Order in California (*see* I. O. O. F. Digest of California, Alexander, page 66,) authorize this evidence. Furthermore, the Sovereign Grand Lodge has frequently recognized this class of evidence as proper. (*See* Pro S. G. L., 1881, pp. 8648, 8649; also, Pro., 1882, p. 8945; also, Pro., 1883, p. 9301; also, p. 9329, same Pro.; Pro., 1885, pp. 9986, 9987, 9988; also, 1886, p. 10,407; 1887, p. 10,902; same, p. 10,962; Pro. Grand Lodge of California, 1869 to 1873, p. 656; same, 1884, pp. 117, 118.)

The committee held, in the investigation below, that Bro. ROBINSON could have earned a livelihood. We desire to refer to the law as to what is a livelihood, as decided by this Sovereign Body. (*See* 1863 to 1867, pp. 3822 and 3569; same book, 1881, pp. 8645, 8649; 1882, p. 8947; 1883, p. 9302; 1885, p. 9984; 1874, p. 6273; also, Grand Lodge California, 1875, p. 200; 1876, p. 472; 1884, p. 118.

It is held in these decisions that it is not enough to debar a Brother of benefits because he can pursue light labor, but that he must be able to pursue some business successfully.

The minority are thoroughly convinced that the evidence of the family physician, the immediate members of his family, and a number of other physicians and neighbors, clearly establishes that all the time for which Bro. ROBINSON claims benefits, he was sick and unable to earn a livelihood, and that to have attempted it would have been at the risk of losing his life. Competent evidence, from capable physicians, positively proves that he was suffering from lung, liver and heart trouble, and the claim by his Lodge, under the circumstances, that he could have earned a livelihood, borders on cruelty. The evidence clearly establishes that his disease was such that he would fall in the street unconscious; that he was swollen from dropsy, and that on account of his heart trouble any acceleration of the heart's action was liable to cause instant death. We furthermore find that Bro. ROBINSON had been sick and drew benefits regularly, from January, 1874, to July 2d, 1879, a period of more than three years, and had drawn considerable before that, and we fear that at this time, the Lodge began to cast about for a pretense to rid themselves of a member that seemed likely to be a burden. We are satisfied that a fair consideration of the evidence shows that Bro. ROBINSON was as sick, if not more so, from 1879 to 1883, than he was from 1874 to 1879, at which time he was paid benefits without question.

Bro. ROBINSON, for many years, while in health, contributed of his means as dues to his Lodge. Templar Lodge now, ought to live to her contract in his adversity and sickness, even though it seems a burden.

Templar Lodge claims that inasmuch as there is evidence both ways, in other words, a conflict of evidence, that the judgment below ought not to be disturbed; but the whole case is before this Grand Lodge, and this Body has vigorously held the right to go into the merits of a case, and for that purpose

to examine and weigh the evidence in the case. (Sovereign Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1883, page 9329.)

Finally, we find that during the last nine years that this unfortunate litigation has been in progress, an intense feeling has been engendered upon the part of members of Templar Lodge, and we fear that this bitterness has warped the opinions and biased and prejudiced the members of the Lodge to such an extent, that a trial in that Lodge, in which Bro. ROBINSON is a party, cannot be dignified as a fair and impartial trial, and we believe that the Lodge record, which was filed in the Grand Lodge of California, could not be read and properly considered by the Appeals Committee of that Body, on account of the short time they had to examine the same. Therefore, the ends of justice require, most imperatively, that this Grand Body carefully consider the case on its merits and weigh the evidence.

We further find that during the long examination of this case members of this Lodge took upon themselves the duty of watching and following Bro. ROBINSON, and assuming the role of detectives, and then testified in the case. We must denounce and condemn this practice, as this Grand Body has often done heretofore. Such evidence is regarded with suspicion in the civil courts, and should never be tolerated in the tribunals of our Order.

From a laborious investigation of this case, the undersigned are of the opinion that Bro. ROBINSON did not have a fair and impartial hearing before Templar Lodge, on account of proper evidence for him having been ruled out, and improper evidence against him being admitted. We further firmly believe that during the time that Bro. ROBINSON claims benefits, he was sick and unable to earn a livelihood without running the gauntlet with death whenever he attempted it, and that he was entitled to benefits from July 2d, 1879, to July 25th, 1883.

We therefore offer the following, and move its adoption:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of California, or the Grand Master thereof (in the interim), be ordered to require Templar Lodge, No. 17, of the jurisdiction of California, to pay, within sixty days from the time of the official notice to it by the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, of this action, benefits to Bro. T. B. ROBINSON, at the rate fixed by law in said Lodge at that time, from July 2d, 1879, to July 25th, 1883.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. KENNER, WM. W. MORRIS, O. A. JANES.

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation have considered the proposition moved by Rep. AYDELOTT, of Tennessee, as to several amendments to Article X. of the By-Laws of this Body, and recommend that said Article X. of the By-Laws be amended, by striking out the last two words thereof, to wit, "Baltimore, Maryland," and inserting in lieu thereof, "Columbus, Ohio," so that the By-Law will read:

Article X. Annual returns shall be made by each State, District or Territorial Grand Body, in which shall be embraced the names of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, or Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe, the time and place of the next annual session, the number of Subordinates under its jurisdiction, and the aggregate membership in good standing in the same, as well as the aggregate number of initiations, re-instatements, admissions by cards, withdrawals by cards, expulsions and deaths, and the number suspended or dropped; the number of Brothers relieved, and the amount of such relief; the number of widowed families relieved, and the amount of relief; the amount paid for

burying the dead; the amount paid for the education of orphans, and the whole amount of receipts. Forms for these reports shall be furnished by this Grand Lodge. Said returns shall be made to the Grand Secretary on or before the first day of April, and shall be accompanied with the dues thereon, in current money at par in the city of Columbus, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. HEDGES,	E. D. HOGE,	E. B. MOORE,
T. J. ATKINS,	FRED. CARLETON,	L. GRAHAM,
W. ELLINGHAM,	CL. T. CAMPBELL,	JAS. R. MILLER.

Rep. CAMPBELL, of Ontario, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the clause of the Grand Sire's report (page 11,123, Journal), on the "Relief of State Grand Officers," under certain circumstances, submit the following:

Resolved, That when a Grand Master or Grand Patriarch suspends a Subordinate Body of which he is a member, or withdraws its Charter, such suspension or withdrawal of Charter, shall not affect his rank or standing in the Order during the remainder of his term of office, and for a period of thirty days after the close of said term.

Respectfully submitted,

CL. T. CAMPBELL,	H. C. HEDGES,	FRED. CARLETON,
L. GRAHAM,	T. J. ATKINS,	W. ELLINGHAM,
E. D. HOGE,	JAS. R. MILLER,	E. B. MOORE.

Rep. COBB, of Colorado, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. MAKEMSON, of Texas, relative to the advisability of revising the Funeral Ceremony prescribed for Subordinate Lodges, have examined the matter and have the honor to report:

The established form has been elaborated and enriched, from time to time, by the addition of supplemental forms, notably in the session of 1879 (page 8128, Journal), when the form for use in Lodge-rooms or churches was adopted; again in the session of 1880 (page 8349, Journal), when the colloquy between the Noble Grand and Chaplain was added, and still again, at the present session, by the adoption of the hymn printed in Wednesday's Journal. From the language used by the committee in their report, adopted at session of 1880, it seems to be intended that these several forms may be used in connection with, or interchangeably for, each other. In the opinion of your committee, sufficient variety and all the elements necessary to suitable selection are thus afforded, and a general revision of the ceremony is not deemed necessary at this time. We recommend instead, the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That either one of the authorized forms of Funeral Ceremony prescribed for use of Subordinate Lodges, or instead thereof such selections from one or more, as may be deemed suitable to the occasion, may be used by Subordinate Lodges at their discretion.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. COBB,	JOHN G. CLARK,	C. M. BUSBEE,
WM. H. ISZARD,	C. A. ROBBE,	G. F. ROBBINS,
S. H. KELSEY,	JNO. M. JONES,	E. K. WILCOX.

Rep. GRAHAM, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation have carefully considered the following resolution, offered by Rep. VOEGTLE, of Louisiana, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That when a member of a Canton of Patriarchs Militant takes a Withdrawal Card from the Encampment of which he may be a member, his membership in his Canton shall not be affected thereby for six months from the date of his said Withdrawal Card. He shall be considered in good standing in his Canton if he deposits his Withdrawal Card in an Encampment, and becomes a member thereof at any time within six months from the date of his said Withdrawal Card,"

And believing that the operation of the resolution will result beneficially to those members of the Encampment Branch of the Order who may happen to be affected by its provisions, beg leave to recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

L. GRAHAM,	T. J. ATKINS,	E. B. MOORE,
CL. T. CAMPBELL,	FRED. CARLETON,	E. D. HOGE,
JAS. R. MILLER,	HENRY C. HEDGES,	WM. ELLINGHAM.

Rep. ATKINS, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution presented by Rep. MAKEMSON, of Texas, touching the incorrectness of the date of the anniversary of the death of Past Grand Sire WILDEY, designated in the Memorial Service authorized by resolutions on page 10,517, Vol. 12, Revised Journal of the session of 1886, beg leave to report, that as a matter of history, it is proper that the error contained in the aforesaid resolutions fixing the date of the death of Past Grand Sire WILDEY on the 20th of October, should be corrected, and to that end offer the following:

Resolved, That the date of the death of Past Grand Sire WILDEY, as fixed by resolution authorizing Memorial Service Day, be and the same is hereby corrected, and that the 19th day of October be observed by the Order as the day upon which such Memorial Services may be held.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. ATKINS,	CL. T. CAMPBELL,	L. GRAHAM,
JAS. R. MILLER,	E. B. MOORE,	FRED. CARLETON,
ED. D. HOGE,	HENRY C. HEDGES,	WM. ELLINGHAM.

Rep. RANDALL, of California, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance have considered and favorably report the following bills:

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

J. W. Stebbins, five days	$25 00	
Wm. W. Morris, five days	25 00	
M. D. Brainard, five days	25 00	
R. E. Wright, five days	25 00	
O. A. Janes, five days	25 00	
J. B. Kenner, five days	25 00	
W. L. Kuykendall, five days	25 00	
Wm. H. Comley, five days	25 00	
Jno. B. Goodwin, five days	25 00	
		$225 00

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING SUPPLIES.

John M. Jones, 2 days and mileage	$25 00	
Geo. W. Dilks, 2 days and mileage	25 00	
W. H. Iszard, 2 days and mileage	31 00	
Theo. A. Ross, 2 days and mileage	104 56	
		185 56

SUB COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

M R. Mucklé, 2 days and mileage	$25 00	
J. B. Blanks, 2 days and mileage	25 00	
		50 00
Theo. A. Ross, freight and expressage on books, etc., from Columbus to Los Angeles and return		357 18
John H. White, incidental expenses as Grand Sire		75 00
John Medole, services session of 1887		100 00
J. W. McQuiddy, care of Secret Work		30 00
C. C. Pearce, Assistant Guardian		30 00
T. A. Fenton, Assistant Messenger		30 00
For care of Wildey and Ridgely monuments		50 00
L. Bourdonnay, instituting Order at Havre, France		150 00
Grand Lodge of Florida, amount paid to the Representative from Cuba Lodge, No. 3, Cuba		69 35
		$1,352 09

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized and directed to draw warrants in favor of the persons as set forth in above report, amounting to the sum of $1,352.09.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. RANDALL, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, WALTER E. CARLIN,
GEORGE W. DILKS, JAMES B. BLANKS, W. K. MAKEMSON,
L. S. HILL, W. R. DUNBAR.

Rep. RANDALL, of California, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance submit the following estimates for receipts and expenditures of the Sovereign Grand Lodge for the year ending August 20th 1889:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Representative tax	$12,000 00
Sale of Cards, Dismissal and Rebekah Certificates	14,000 00
Sale of Odes	1,200 00

Sale of Books	$10,000 00
Charter fees	150 00
Amounts due from Subordinates and individuals	1,007 08
Sale of Diplomas	500 00
Dues from Subordinates	1,000 00
Interest on U. S. bonds	1,500 00
	$41,357 08

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES.

Mileage and per diem of Officers and Representatives	$44,653 50
Daily Journal	1,300 00
Revised Journal	4,000 00
Odes, Cards and Diplomas	2,000 00
Officers' Reports	400 00
Salary of Grand Secretary	2,500 00
Salary of Assistant Grand Secretary	1,500 00
Salary of Grand Treasurer	500 00
Salary of Janitor	800 00
Books and Charts	5,500 00
Fuel, etc., for Grand Secretary's office	400 00
Incidentals	1,200 00
Postage on Officers' Reports and Daily Journal	400 00
For 250 Volumes each 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7, Bound Journals	1,350 00
For 1,000 Copies New Digest	3,000 00
Expenses, Committee on Appeals	225 00
Expenses, Committee on Printing Supplies	185 56
Expenses, Sub-Committee on Finance	50 00
Clerk Hire for Grand Sire	500 00
Rent, Safe Deposit Company, 1887–1888	40 00
Theo. A. Ross, expressage and freight on books, etc., from Columbus to Los Angeles and return	357 18
Incidental expenses, J. H. White, Grand Sire	75 00
John Medole, services session 1887	100 00
J. W. McQuiddy, care of Secret Work	30 00
C. C. Pearce, Assistant Guardian	30 00
T. A. Fenton, Assistant Messenger	30 00
For care of Wildey and Ridgely Monuments	50 00
L. Bourdonnay, instituting Order at Havre, France	150 00
Grand Lodge of Florida, refunded amount paid Representative from Cuba Lodge, No. 3, Cuba	69 35
	$71,395 59

Resolved, That the sum of seventy-one thousand three hundred and ninety-five dollars and fifty-nine cents, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the payment of the annual expenses of the Sovereign Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, in the manner and to the extent and for the purposes heretofore set out and expressed, and the Grand Secretary is authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer therefor, at such times and in such amounts as may be required, to pay all such properly approved bills of accounts as may be presented; *provided, however*, the Grand Secretary shall only draw his warrants for, and the Grand Treasurer only pay the respective sums specified as appropriated for the several items above designated.

Resolved, That whenever moneys belonging to the Sovereign Grand Lodge in the hands of the Grand Treasurer shall exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars, such excess shall be invested by the Grand Treasurer in United States bonds, said bonds to be registered by the United States Government and deposited with a safe deposit company, in the name of or to the credit of this Sovereign Grand Lodge; and the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire and Grand

Secretary are hereby authorized, whenever it may become necessary, to transfer or sell said securities to meet the wants of the treasury, upon proper representations made by the Grand Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. RANDALL, GEORGE W. DILKS, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,
JAMES B. BLANKS, WALTER E. CARLIN, W. K. MAKEMSON,
L. S. HILL, W. R. DUNBAR.

Rep. MILLER, of Illinois, from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom were referred the following resolution and ode, submitted by Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, viz.:

Resolved, That at the burial of a deceased Brother, the accompanying ode may be sung while the grave is being filled:

ODE.

WORDS BY CHARLES WOLFORD, P. G. REP.

[To be sung while the grave is being filled.]

AIR—Bethany: "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

As falls the autumn leaf,
'Neath winter's breath,
So falls the son of man,
Stricken by death.
Father, at Thy command,
Obedient to Thy will,
We yield our treasures up,
Trusting Thee still.

Brother, with saddened hearts,
Hither we come,
Bearing thy manly form
To its last home.
Pulseless the generous heart,
Dormant the potent will,
Nerveless the open hand,
Nerveless and still.

When o'er thy silent grave
Eve's shadows creep,
Fond memory ever will
Her vigils keep.
Thunders may peal above,
Storms o'er thee madly sweep,
Yet undisturbed will be
Thy dreamless sleep.

Would respectfully report that we have considered the same, and would recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. MILLER, CL. T. CAMPBELL, L. GRAHAM,
E. B. MOORE, H. C. HEDGES, FRED. CARLETON,
T. J. ATKINS, W. ELLINGHAM, E. D. HOGE.

Rep. GOODWIN, of Georgia, moved that the Grand Lodge adjourn to meet this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Rep. CARLETON, of Texas, moved to amend by striking out "this evening at 7:30 o'clock," and inserting "9 o'clock to-morrow morning," which was adopted, and the motion as amended was adopted.

The Grand Sire accordingly declared the Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FRIDAY, September 21st, 1888—9 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

JOHN H. WHITE	Grand Sire.
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD	Deputy Grand Sire.
THEO. A. ROSS	Grand Secretary.
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD	Grand Treasurer.
ALLEN JENCKES	Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE	Grand Chaplain.
JOHN H. ALBIN	Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
WALTER G. DYE	Grand Guardian.
W. H. FRAZIER	Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON	Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS	New York.
E. D. FARNSWORTH	California.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Marshal, by order, examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, Grand Chaplain.

The Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the Grand Sire, declared the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Rep. CRICHLOW, of Tennessee, moved that the reading of the Journal of yesterday be dispensed with, which was adopted.

The Grand Sire announced that the funeral of P. G. Rep. FREER will take place on Sunday next, at 2 P. M., from Odd

Fellows' Hall, corner of Seventh and Market streets, San Francisco.

Rep. MAGUIRE, of California, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

GRAND SIRE AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—It is my painful duty to announce that one of the most illustrious, most honored, most beloved of California Odd Fellows, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative LEON D. FREER, is dead.

I had occasion, I hope not irreverently, to mention his name in the course of a discussion in this Grand Lodge on Wednesday last, not knowing that, even as I spoke, the cold and merciless hand of death was in the very act of dissolving the last ties that bound him to this mortal life.

He died at about the hour of noon, on Wednesday, the 19th day of the present month, in the forty-seventh year of his age, in the prime of a most beautiful and exemplary life, which gave bright promise of unparalleled glory to himself and usefulness to his fellow-man. He was not, at the moment of his death, officially connected with this Sovereign Grand Lodge, but he was in every other sense most truly a Grand Representative and grand exemplar of all the glorious principles for which our noble Order lives and battles. Aside from the purity and nobility of his character, his memory has other claims to recognition here. He had just served, with infinite credit to himself and with distinguished honor to the Odd Fellows of the Golden State, a full term as a member of this Body. On the expiration of his term of office in the present year, he was, notwithstanding the candidacy of other worthy and deserving Brothers, well nigh unanimously re-elected to the office of Grand Representative. Then it was, that the hand of relentless death untimely fell upon him. His resolute spirit rebelled against the imperious call, and for a few months our beloved Brother strove for life in unequal combat with the all-conquering tyrant. But soon, alas! too soon, he was forced to realize that he was stricken beyond hope, and that from his couch of pain he never more might rise to greet the Brothers whom he had met and learned to love in this Grand Lodge.

Sadly, but with no selfish repining, he surrendered and resigned the official trust confided to his care, that another might be chosen to fill it. The office has indeed been filled, but his place has not been, and cannot soon be filled. When he learned of my appointment he generously sent to me his dying congratulations, and earnestly asked that he should be kindly remembered to all his old associates in this Grand Lodge. As the poor mouthpiece of that great warm heart, now so cold and silent, let me here discharge my obligation to our lamented Brother by extending to you, one and all, his final greeting. I have a right to assume that he was beloved by all of you, even as he loved you, my Brothers, for I know that his life was gentle, even as his character was pure.

"None knew him but to love him,
Nor named him but to praise."

In our own jurisdiction none could truly claim such universal affection. Every one of our twenty-six thousand Odd Fellows esteemed it an uncommon privilege to hail him as *friend* and Brother. He was the loved and trusted friend of every old and devoted Odd Fellow; the accepted model—nay, the very idol—of the young men of our Order.

Outside of our Order his friends and admirers were legion. He was not a seeker after fame, nor did he weakly pose for the applause of the multitude, but fame and public approbation came to him as the natural consequence of the virtues which, in his daily life, were his constant support and practice. He had no enemies, even among the wicked, for, in combating evil, his magnanimous heart constantly discriminated between the wrong and the wrong-doer,

so that while he would crush the one he would save and reform the other. His whole life's practice seems to have been moulded in conformity with that noblest of Christian prayers:

"Lord, teach my soul to hate the sin and yet the sinner love."

In his domestic life, he was a loving husband and a devoted father. In his public capacity, he was a sterling citizen. In his official station, as Judge of the Superior Court of Butte County, in which station his fellow-citizens of all political parties retained him, even to the hour of his death, he was learned, fearless and just.

Take him for all in all, he was a man of uncommon greatness of heart and mind, and his memory will long be enshrined in the hearts of all who had the privilege of his acquaintance.

All that was mortal of him has ceased to live, and is even now as the dust of our mother earth; but if, after this mortal dissolution there be immortal life, and if, in that life, there be individuality and communion of souls, the best of us may confidently hope to meet and greet him in that better life, and even the worst of us, knowing the imperishable magnanimity which God implanted in his soul, and which so completely dominated it throughout this earthly pilgrimage, may as confidently hope for his affectionate sympathy in all the trials of the after-life.

For the present, helplessly contemplating the mysterious void created by his untimely departure, we can only say: Farewell, beloved, tried and faithful Brother; until the close of *our* earthly lives, a long, a fond farewell.

Rep. HOLMES, of Iowa, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the remarks of Grand Rep. MAGUIRE, of California, in connection with the announcement of the death of Past Grand Rep. LEON D. FREER, be published in the Journal of this Grand Body.

Rep. KINES, of Quebec, moved the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Mount Royal Lodge, No. 1, of Montreal, Province of Quebec, have lost their Charter by a fire, which consumed their room, with its contents;

Resolved, That the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish said Lodge with a duplicate Charter.

The Lodge proceeded to consider the reports of committees as they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 11,351, from the Committee on the Judiciary, in answer to a question propounded by Rep. OLIVER, of Ontario, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,352, from the same committee, referring to the Committee on the State of the Order, the request of the Grand Lodge of Oregon that their action in conferring the Grand Lodge Degree on certain Past Grands, not entitled to the honors, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Returns, on the annual reports of Grand Encampments, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the Annual Reports of Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,353, from the Committee on Legislation, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the report of the Grand Sire relating to "Qualifications for Membership," was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, adversely to the resolution of Rep. FALLASS, of Michigan, to make elective the office of Warden in Subordinate Lodges, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,354, from the same committee, adversely to the resolution of Rep. KUYKENDALL, of Wyoming, on the subject of re-instating members dropped for non-payment of dues, etc., was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, adversely to the resolution of Rep. PARKER, of New Jersey, that an inmate of a home for aged and indigent Odd Fellows, shall relinquish all claims for weekly benefits from his Lodge or Encampment while an inmate of such institution, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee adversely to the resolution of Rep. KENT, of New Mexico, providing for an additional qualification for membership in the Order, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,355, from the same committee adversely to the resolution of Rep. HOLMES, of Iowa, asking for a committee to prepare a Ritual or Guide for services on "Memorial Day," was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, approving the amendment to Article XXII., By-Laws, proposed by Reps. CARLIN, of Illinois; PARKER, of New Jersey, and CAMPBELL, of Ontario, was considered and adopted, 107 voting in the affirmative and 25 in the negative.

The Grand Sire therefore declared Article XXII. of the By-Laws amended by adding thereto:

At sessions of Grand Bodies, in lieu of any regalia hereinbefore described, a ribbon may be worn, of the color of the highest degree the member has attained, having attached thereto any jewel which he is entitled or required to wear.

The next report, page 11,356, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, on the condition of the Order in Switzerland, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the Order in Cuba, and submitting resolutions declaring the Lodges in the jurisdiction under the immediate control of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, etc., was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,357, from the same committee, granting the request of Veritas Lodge, No. 2, Sweden, that the dues, amounting to $65.75, be remitted, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the Order in Australasia, making the jurisdiction an "Independent Sovereignty," and granting an amended Charter, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,360, from the same committee, on the condition of the Order in the Netherlands, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the condition of the Order in Chile, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,361, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, authorizing a jewel for the Financial Secretary of a Degree Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, authorizing a General Convention of the Daughters of Rebekah at the time and place of the next annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, was considered in connection with the minority report on the same subject, page 11,365.

Rep. CRICHLOW, of Tennessee, moved that the minority report be adopted, which was not agreed to, 45 voting in the affirmative and 86 in the negative.

The question being on the majority report, page 11,361, it was adopted.

The next report, page 11,361, from the same committee, adversely to the resolution of Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, on the subject of Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah using forms of Beautified Work, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,362, from the same committee, approving the resolution of Rep. DUTEMPLE, of Rhode Island, authorizing Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah to omit their sessions on holidays, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Special Committee on the History and Manual of Odd Fellowship, approving and commending the work, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,363, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, on the report of the Grand Sire and the resolution of Rep. DILKS, of New York, on that subject, submitting resolutions limiting the conferring of the degree to Rebekah Degree Lodges, etc., was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, declaring it inexpedient to adopt the form of Burial Service for Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, submitted by Rep. HENRY, of Vermont, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,364, from the same committee, approving decisions of the Grand Sire, numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and amending Decision 8, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, that the request of Naomi Degree Lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah, District of Columbia, was the subject of another report, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, approving the resolution of Rep. POWERS, of Iowa, and providing for the appointment of a special committee of five, to examine the various forms of Beautified Work, etc., was considered and not adopted.

The next report, page 11,365, from the Committee on Constitutions, amending and, as amended, approving the amended

Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Texas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, amending and, as amended, approving the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,366, from the same committee, amending and, as amended, approving the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, approving the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, amending and, as amended, approving the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Utah, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,367, from the Committee on Petitions, on the petition for Amicitia Lodge, No. 3, Malmo, Sweden, instructing the Grand Secretary to communicate with the D. D. Grand Sire of Sweden, concerning the name of one of the petitioners, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,368, from the Committee on the State of the Order, adversely to the resolution of Rep. GIBSON, of Texas, providing for printing the Ritual in the Italian language, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. GIBSON, of Texas, moved to amend by substituting the following for the resolution reported:

Resolved, That Garibaldi Lodge, No. 321, of the State of Texas, be permitted to have the Ritual translated and printed in the Italian language, for the use of said Lodge, provided the work is done under the immediate direction of the Grand Sire and without expense to this Grand Body, and furnished as supplies by the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The question being on the amendment, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report, it was adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on the Judiciary, approving Decisions 19 to 35, inclusive; 39 to 45, inclusive; 47 to 52, inclusive, and 54 to 68, inclusive, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Con-

stitutions, approving the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,369, from the same committee, approving the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Iowa, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, on the condition of the Order in Mexico, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the condition of the Order in the Sandwich Islands, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, postponing action on the petition of the Grand Lodge of Denmark for an Independent Grand Lodge, to be known as the Grand Lodge of Scandinavia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,370, from the same committee, on the condition of the Order in Peru, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,371, from the same committee, concerning the Order in France, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Legislation, approving the resolution of Rep. GRANT, of Indiana, authorizing the issue of Visiting Cards by the N. G. and Secretary of a Lodge, and the C. P. and Scribe of an Encampment, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, moved to amend the resolution so as to read:

That the law as contained in Section 141a, page 39, Digest, be amended to read as follows: "The Noble Grand and Secretary of a Subordinate Lodge, the Chief Patriarch and Scribe of a Subordinate Encampment, and the Noble Grand and Secretary of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, during the recess of their respective Bodies, may issue Visiting Cards to members in good standing, when application is made to them in writing."

The question being on the amendment, it was adopted, and the report, as amended, was adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, approving the resolution of Rep. COOPER, of Indiana, and providing that balloting for the degrees in the Subordinate En-

campment must always be in the Royal Purple Degree, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,372, from the same committee, adversely to the suggestions of the Grand Sire on page 11,123, concerning entertainment funds of Subordinates, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, adversely to the resolution of Rep. KINES, of Quebec, on the subject of instituting a Juvenile Order of Odd Fellows, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Petitions, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of W. R. SPOONER, "that copies of the Daily Journal be sold to subscribers," was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,373, from the Committee on the State of the Order, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of Dakota, concerning the sufficiency of proof of qualifications to sit in said Grand Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on plans for an Endowment Rank, and approving the appointment of a committee to whom all matters relating to insurance shall be referred, as recommended by the special committee on that subject, was considered and adopted.

The report, page 11,337, from the Special Committee on Insurance Associations, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. GRAHAM, of Louisiana, moved to amend the resolution by inserting "seven" instead of "five" as the committee, which was agreed to.

The question being on the report as amended,

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved to amend the resolution by striking out all after the word "referred."

The question being on the amendment,

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved to further amend by striking out "some reasonable sum of money" and insert "fifty dollars," which was accepted by the committee.

The question being on the amendment of Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report as amended, it was adopted.

The report, page 11,374, from the Committee on the State of the Order, approving decisions of the Grand Sire, Nos. 36, 37, 38 and 53, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. CARLETON, of Texas, moved to amend by striking out Decision No. 38, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report, it was adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, approving the report of the Grand Sire on "The Condition of the Order," "Degrees and Ceremonies," etc., was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Constitutions, approving the By-Laws and Rules of Order of Gila Encampment, No. 3, Arizona, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11;375, from the Committee on Returns, on the annual reports of Encampments Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, Denmark, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the annual report of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the annual report of the Grand Encampment of Alabama, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,376, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, approving the action of the Grand Sire in issuing certificates for Past Official, Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment Degrees, and appointments of District Deputy Grand Sires for the year 1888, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, approving the action of the Grand Sire in transferring Veritas Lodge, No. 2, Sweden, to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Denmark, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the

appeal of J. P. WILSON, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and that the papers in the case be referred to the Committee on Appeals, was considered and adopted.

Rep. CRICHLOW, of Tennessee, moved that the consideration of the majority and minority reports of the Committee on Appeals, pages 11,376 and 11,381, on the appeal of T. B. ROBINSON, be postponed for the present, which was adopted.

The report, page 11,384, from the Committee on Legislation, submitting an amendment to Article X. of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, was considered and adopted, 111 voting in the affirmative and none in the negative.

The Grand Sire, therefore, declared Article X. of the By-Laws amended to read as follows:

Article X. Annual returns shall be made by each State, District or Territorial Grand Body, in which shall be embraced the names of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, or Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe, the time and place of the next annual session, the number of Subordinates under its jurisdiction, and the aggregate membership in good standing in the same; as well as the aggregate number of initiations, re-instatements, admissions by cards, withdrawals by cards, expulsions and deaths, and the number suspended or dropped; the number of Brothers relieved, and the amount of such relief; the number of widowed families relieved, and the amount of relief; the amount paid for burying the dead; the amount paid for the education of orphans, and the whole amount of receipts. Forms for these reports shall be furnished by this Grand Lodge. Said returns shall be made to the Grand Secretary on or before the first day of April, and shall be accompanied with the dues thereon, in current money at par in the city of Columbus, Ohio.

The next report, page 11,385, from the same committee, on the report of the Grand Sire, concerning the "Relief of State Grand Officers," and submitting a resolution providing that the rank or standing of a Grand Master or Grand Patriarch shall not be affected during the remainder of his term, and for thirty days thereafter, in case he suspends the Subordinate Body of which he is a member, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the resolution of Rep. MAKEMSON, of Texas, relative to a revision of the Funeral Ceremony, and authorizing the use of either of the present forms, etc., was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,386, from the Committee on Legislation, approving the resolution of Rep. VOEGTLE, of Louisiana,

that a member of a Canton taking a Withdrawal Card from his Encampment, his membership in his Canton shall not be affected for six months from the date of his Card, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. MAKEMSON, of Texas, correcting the date of the death of Past Grand Sire WILDEY, from October 20th, as printed in Journal of 1886, to October 19th, the actual date, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Finance, appropriating money to pay certain bills, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,387, from the same committee, on the estimated receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year, etc., was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,389, from the Committee on Legislation, authorizing the use, at the burial of a deceased Brother, of the ode submitted by Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, was considered and adopted.

The Lodge proceeded to consider the majority and minority reports, pages 11,376 and 11,381, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of T. B. ROBINSON, from the action of the Grand Lodge of California.

Rep. KENNER, of Indiana, moved that the minority report, page 11,381, be adopted.

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the minority report?" Which was not agreed to, 39 voting in the affirmative and 78 in the negative.

The question recurring on the majority report, page 11,376, it was adopted.

Rep. FORNEY, of Idaho, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Rep. GWINN, of Idaho, be excused from further attendance on this session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, on account of important business requiring his return home.

Rep. POWERS, of Iowa, moved the following:

WHEREAS, At the present session of this Grand Lodge the conferring of the Degree of Rebekah has been taken from the Subordinate Lodges of this Order; and

WHEREAS, The conferring of said degree exclusively by the Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah leaves a large number of the Rituals of said degree in the possession of Subordinate Lodges, both under the jurisdiction of this Grand Body and the various Grand Jurisdictions; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Body be and he is hereby directed to call in from all Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Body, all Rituals of said degree, and refund to said Lodges one-half price of said books.

Resolved, further, That all Grand Lodges are hereby directed to take such steps as will secure from Subordinate Lodges, the Rituals of said degree in their possession.

The question being on the preamble and resolutions,

Rep. MILLER, of Illinois, moved to strike out of the first resolution, "and refund to said Lodges one-half price of said books," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the preamble and resolutions, they were adopted.

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, moved that the Grand Lodge resolve itself into secret session, which was adopted.

After some time passed in secret session, the ordinary business session was resumed.

Rep. POWERS, of Iowa, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby requested and authorized to procure a suitable carpet or matting, to be placed on the floor of the room in which this Grand Body will hold its next session.

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, moved the following:

Resolved, That the Assistant Grand Guardian of this Sovereign Body be allowed mileage and per diem, the same as Representatives, and that the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to place him upon the pay-roll.

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved that the resolution be laid on the table, which was adopted.

Rep. GIBSON, of Texas, moved that the Grand Lodge adjourn until 3 o'clock this afternoon, which was adopted.

The Grand Sire accordingly declared the Grand Lodge adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

3 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: The Grand Officers and a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Rep. CARLETON, of Texas, moved that the vote by which the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, on the subject of insurance or endowment, page 11,373, was adopted, be reconsidered.

Rep. ORENDORFF, of Illinois, moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, which was adopted.

Rep. BARRY, of Tennessee, moved that the hour of 4:30 P. M. be fixed for the installation of the Grand Officers, which was adopted.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved that the rule requiring reports of committees to lie on the table one day, be suspended for the remainder of the session, and that the Lodge proceed to consider the reports presented, and on the desk of the Grand Secretary, which was agreed to.

Rep. JEWELL, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the request from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, for the adoption of a proper Working Sign and Pass Word for the use of the Daughters of Rebekah in their State Conventions, presented by Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, having considered the same, report that in their judgment the adoption of such Working Sign and Pass Word, at this session, is inexpedient.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. JEWELL, C. E. MACK, ROBT. HOCKIN,
ARTHUR GIBSON, I. F. CLARK, A. N. GRANT,
J. H. CRICHLOW.

Rep. NEWSALT, of Minnesota, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Foreign Relations respectfully report that they have fully considered and examined all parts of the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary relating to the Grand Jurisdiction of the German Empire, and the correspondence accompanying the same. We learn, with great satisfaction, that the Order in said jurisdiction is in a prosperous and harmonious condition, and is doing good work. It is also, with great pleasure, this committee reports that a

Lodge of Odd Fellows has again been planted in the free city of Hamburg, and there is no doubt that before the next session of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, Hamburg will have ten flourishing Lodges. We wish them success.

The sad news that Bro. BERNHARD FLECK, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, has crossed the river from whence no traveler returns, to join the Grand Lodge above, has been received with great sorrow. Bro. F. MEYENDORF, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, writes: "I have to transmit to you the very sad information that Bro. BERNHARD FLECK died November 3d, 1887, after a short illness. He has been a member of the Body and Grand Treasurer since 1877, and by his death we have lost one of our most valuable and faithful officers; his untiring zeal for Odd Fellowship has secured him a lasting memory in our hearts." The Brothers of Breslau have erected a magnificent Odd Fellows' Hall, of which they have every reason to be proud.

Respectfully submitted,

J. NEWSALT,	HERMAN BLOCK,	J. T. PETTY,
W. A. BARRY,	F. DE MARS,	W. L. WHEPLEY
R. RADFORD BARNES,	JOHN P. PHISTER,	FRANCIS RAE.

Rep. BLOCK, of Iowa, from the same committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred a memorial and resolution of Grand Representative WATSON, of Florida, concerning the control and jurisdiction over certain Lodges upon the Island of Cuba, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and find that the subject matter thereof has been considered and reported upon by this committee, at this session, and their report thereon is now before this Sovereign Grand Lodge. The committee therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the said memorial.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN BLOCK,	J. T. PETTY,	W. A. BARRY,
F. DE MARS,	FRANCIS RAE,	JOHN P. PHISTER,
W. L. WHEPLEY,	R. RADFORD BARNES.	

Rep. HEDRICK, of Nebraska, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition for a Lodge to be established at Zacatecas, Republic of Mexico, to be known as Cuauhtemotzin Lodge, No. 3, would report that the petition and cards appear to be in regular form and correct, and that the Charter fee of $30 has been paid. We therefore offer the following and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the petition for Cuauhtemotzin Lodge, No. 3, to be located at Zacatecas, Republic of Mexico, be granted, and that the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary be and are hereby authorized to forward a Charter for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HEDRICK,	FRANCIS M. REA,	FRANCIS E. MERRIMAN,
C. D. ANDERSON,	HIRAM HILL,	JAMES G. MAGUIRE,
C. H. DORSETT,	D. A. BUCHER.	

Rep. DUFOUR, of the District of Columbia, from the Com-

mittee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, to whom were referred certain decisions of the Grand Sire, found in his report to the present session, have duly considered the same and find them correct, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the decisions of the Grand Sire, numbered 15 and 16, be and the same are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVER DUFOUR,	EDWIN HIRST,	WESLEY MINTA.
W. C TWEEDALE,	THOS. C. WATSON,	W. M. HILL,
J. DILCHER,	W. T. HOLMES,	JAMES G. AYDELOTT.

Rep. DUFOUR, of the District of Columbia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, to whom were referred certain decisions of the Grand Sire, found in his report to the present session, have duly considered Decision 17, and arrived at the following conclusion:

That Decision 17, enunciated by the Grand Sire, is not in accordance with this committee's construction of the law as laid down on page 10,647, Journal of 1886, which reads as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the Commanders of Departments shall assign newly-mustered Cantons to Battalions and Regiments, and report such acts of assignment to Colonels of Regiments, Generals of Brigades and Divisions, and to the Lieutenant-General."

Your committee are constrained to dissent from Decision 17, which claims that a newly-mustered Canton shall be assigned to a Regimental Battalion by the Colonel Commandant, when the law as above given clearly shows that such assignment of a newly-mustered Canton shall be made by the Commander of the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVER DUFOUR,	WESLEY MINTA,	THOS. C. WATSON,
J. DILCHER,	EDWIN HIRST,	W. C. TWEEDALE,
W. M. HILL,	W. T. HOLMES,	JAMES G. AYDELOTT.

Rep. DUFOUR, of the District of Columbia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order have considered Decision 18 of the Grand Sire, in his report to this Body at the present session, and respectfully submit the following as the result of their deliberation, and recommend its adoption.

In regard to the subject-matter surrounding Decision 18, your committee were confronted with some difficulty in reconciling apparent conflicts in the construction given to the wording of the law on the subject as found on page 10,877, Journal of 1887, Section 2, in reference to the power to appoint the

Corps Commanders claimed by the decision. Your committee are, however, of the opinion that authority to *appoint* a Brigadier-General to the position of Corps Commander, lies with the Lieutenant General, under the law, notwithstanding there may be a Major General within the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVER DUFOUR,	EDWIN HIRST,	WESLEY MINTA,
W. C. TWEEDALE,	THOS. C. WATSON,	W. M. HILL,
J. DILCHER,	W. T. HOLMES,	JAMES G. AYDELOTT.

The hour for the installation of the Grand Officers elect having arrived,

Rep. TERRY, of Connecticut, moved that the special order be postponed until 5 o'clock P. M., which was adopted.

Rep. DUFOUR, of the District of Columbia, from the Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order have considered that part of Decision 18, found in the report of the Grand Sire, in reference to the matter of the assignment by the Lieutenant General of General WHIPPLE, an officer of his personal Staff, to the command of a Brigade, instead of assigning a Colonel to the position.

Your committee regard the act, in this case, as one of a military necessity, sudden and unforeseen in its occurrence, requiring prompt and heroic treatment, but temporary in its duration, and as the apparent breach in the law, if one actually did occur, has been fully repaired and the proper officer elected to the position, we recommend that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed.

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVER DUFOUR,	EDWIN HIRST,	WESLEY MINTA,
W. C. TWEEDALE,	THOS. C. WATSON,	W. M. HILL,
J. DILCHER,	W. T. HOLMES.	

Rep. DUFOUR, of the District of Columbia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, to whom was referred the report of the Lieutenant-General, have had the same under consideration and submit the following:

1. Upon examination of the "Action of the Military Council," we find nothing therein contrary to law, and therefore recommend the approval of said action embraced in paragraphs I. to XII., inclusive, as found on pages 11,285, 11,286, Journal.

2. As to the "Direct Recommendations by the Commander," found on pages 11,264, 11,265, Journal, we were unable to find any objectionable features therein, and recommend the approval of the same.

3. In regard to the "Proposition" of the Commander, to be found on page 11,265, Journal, we were unable to agree to it in its entirety, being unwilling

to pledge this Grand Body to the payment of any money directly from the treasury, except for such postage as may be legitimately incurred in carrying out the proposition. With this amendment we recommend the approval of the "Proposition."

4. The decisions of the Commander are but two in number, page 11,265, Journal, and believing them to be just and proper, we recommend their approval, and the adoption of the report as amended.

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVER DUFOUR,	EDWIN HIRST,	WESLEY MINTA,
W. C. TWEEDALE,	THOS. C. WATSON,	WM. M. HILL,
J. DILCHER,	W. T. HOLMES,	JAMES G. AYDELOTT.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved that the report of the High Commission, page 11,285, be adopted, which was agreed to.

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation have considered so much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to Grand Lodge Representation, and report:

That there is a gross inequality of Representation, is patent to every one. Six jurisdictions have 304,222 Subordinate Lodge members. All other jurisdictions have 251,500 members. The six jurisdictions have 24 votes in this Body; all other jurisdictions have 137 votes. The proposed amendment, which was postponed indefinitely at this session, if adopted, would not have afforded any substantial relief in the direction suggested by the Grand Sire, for while it would have added to the voting power of the six jurisdictions one vote each, it would have taken from five of the other jurisdictions one vote each only, and so would have added one (1) to the whole number of Grand Representatives. Your committee believe that an amendment could be formulated which would largely relieve the situation; for instance, if each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were allowed but one Grand Representative, the total number of Grand Representatives would be 99, instead of 161. An amendment to that effect, unless also otherwise conditioned, would be subject to the criticism of very gross inequality, for with such a constitutional provision, without limitation or condition, one Odd Fellow in one jurisdiction would have only the one hundred and sixtieth of the voting power which another Odd Fellow would have in another jurisdiction, in the legislation of this Grand Body. This is the extreme case, and is based on the returns up to December 31st, 1887. That some remedy should be applied to the existing state of things, is apparent to all. One remedy would be to reduce each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment to one Representative, and clothe that Representative with cumulative voting power, measured by the number of his constituency, taking, say, 1,000 members, or less, as the unit. As the Grand Sire has remarked, this can only be done here, in and by the Grand Lodge itself. We recommend the following:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to consider this whole matter, with instructions to formulate an amendment to the Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. HEDGES,	L GRAHAM,	W. ELLINGHAM,
J. R. MILLER,	FRED. CARLETON,	E. D. HOGE,
CL. T. CAMPBELL,	E. B. MOORE,	T. J. ATKINS.

Rep. MOORE, of Arkansas, from the same committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. PARKER, of New Jersey, to wit, "That a special committee of three be appointed by the Grand Sire to prepare and report, either at this or the next session of this Grand Body, a proper form for public installation of Subordinate Encampment officers,"

Would respectfully report that we have carefully considered the same, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. MOORE,	FRED CARLETON,	L GRAHAM,
CL. T. CAMPBELL,	HENRY C. HEDGES,	E D HOGE,
T. J. ATKINS,	JAS R. MILLER,	W. ELLINGHAM.

Rep. HOGE, of Utah, from the same committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation report on the resolution of Rep TABER, of Massachusetts, to wit, "That where two or more Lodges are located in the same city or town, it shall not be lawful for either of said Lodges to receive the application of a person rejected for other than constitutional reasons, by either of said Lodges, within the space of six months, without the consent of the Lodge in which said applicant was rejected. This shall not debar the person from reapplying to the Lodge in which he was rejected, as now allowed by law,"

That they have duly considered said resolution, and deem legislation on the subject unnecessary The subject has heretofore been left with the Subordinate Jurisdictions, as appears in Section 635, Digest, and in the opinion of the committee should remain there, and therefore recommend that said resolution be not adopted and that the committee be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. HOGE,	W. ELLINGHAM,	T. J. ATKINS,
J. R. MILLER,	HENRY C. HEDGES,	E B. MOORE,
CL. T. CAMPBELL,	L. GRAHAM,	FRED. CARLETON.

Rep. HOLMES, of Iowa, from the Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, to whom was referred the preamble and resolution offered by Rep. MERRIMAN, of Massachusetts, as follows:

"WHEREAS, There was heretofore established by this Grand Body, Uniformed Degree Camps, I. O O F, with Ritual and Unwritten Work; and,

"WHEREAS, Such Uniformed Degree Camps have been merged into the Degree of Patriarchs Militant, or otherwise abolished; now, therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, That the several Subordinate Grand Encampment jurisdictions be charged, through their elected officers, with the duty of collecting all Rituals issued to such Uniformed Degree Camps as may have been instituted, or remaining in the hands of the Grand Scribes of such jurisdictions, and the same shall be destroyed in the presence of the elected Grand Officers, by burning A full and detailed report shall be sent by the Grand Scribes of these jurisdictions, on or before the next session of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, to the Grand Secretary, which shall state the number of Uniformed Degree Camp Rituals received from the Grand Secretary; number issued to Uniformed Degree Camps, or otherwise

disposed of; number remaining on hand; number collected and destroyed, and any reason or reasons why any copy or copies have not been destroyed,"

Have duly considered the same, and believing that the action contemplated by the resolution should be taken, would respectfully offer the following:

Resolved, That the resolution offered by Rep. MERRIMAN, of Massachusetts, be adopted. Respectfully submitted,

W T HOLMES,	OLIVER DUFOUR,	JAMES G. AYDELOTT,
W. C. TWEEDALE,	THOMAS C. WATSON,	EDWIN HIRST,
WESLEY MINTA,	J. DILCHER,	W. W. HILL.

Rep. HIRST, of Delaware, from the same committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, to whom was referred the following, offered by Rep CARLETON, of Texas: "That a special committee of five be appointed, who shall be required, at the next annual session of this Grand Body, to report a plan for the mergement of the Encampment and Subordinate Branches of the Order, and such changes in the Work of the same as may, in their opinion, be rendered necessary, by reason of such mergement,"

Have considered the same, and find, by the records, that the proposition for mergement has, in different forms, been repeatedly before this Grand Body since the year 1852, and as often rejected. Without entering into any detailed history of the subject, the committee quote from reports of the legislation of the session of 1865, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of the United States adheres to its action, frequently had, adverse to a consolidation of the two branches of the Order, deeming such consolidation of doubtful expediency, even though this Grand Lodge possesses the power (which is questionable in the minds of your committee), to reclaim Charters where there have been no violations of law."—*Journal*, 3561.

"Serious obstacles interpose and render it very difficult, if not impossible, to legally grant such application. Even though the Grand Encampment of Iowa might be willing to surrender its Charter and yield up its separate existence, nevertheless your committee cannot clearly see that any *power* exists which could compel every member of the Grand Lodge of Iowa to be exalted to the Royal Purple Degree, to qualify him to sit in his Grand Lodge, after the Grand Encampment of that jurisdiction shall have been merged into its Grand Lodge. Your committee indorse fully the views of the Legislative Committee of the last session, contained in their report (page 3479, Revised Journal,) on a similar application of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, wherein the committee say: 'The Grand Lodge have repeatedly decided against any change whatever looking to the mergement of any portion of the Patriarchal Order in the Lodge Department of the Order, and your committee deem the present a very inopportune moment to attempt any change in the fundamental laws of the Order.'"—*Journal*, 3562.

In view of the foregoing statement, and of the continually increasing interests and vested rights involved in the problem, your committee are of the opinion that unless revolutionary measures should be resorted to, any plan for mergement of the Encampment and Subordinate Branches of the Order would, at this time, be impracticable. We therefore offer the following, and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed. Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN HIRST,	W M. HILL,	JAMES G AYDELOTT,
W. C. TWEEDALE,	OLIVER DUFOUR,	J. DILCHER,
W. T. HOLMES,	WESLEY MINTA,	THOS. C. WATSON.

Rep. CLARK, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. COLEMAN, of Arkansas, found on page 11,348, Journal, on the subject of the status of members more than thirteen weeks in arrears, respectfully report that they have duly considered the same, and find that all the provisions of said resolution are sufficiently covered by the law as found in Sections 733, 734, 735, 739, 994 and 1409 of White's Digest.

Your committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of said subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G CLARK, C. M. BUSBEE, WM. H. ISZARD,
JNO M JONES, G. F ROBBINS, C. A. ROBBE,
S. H KELSEY, E. K. WILCOX.

Rep. ROBBE, of Georgia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred, by the Committee on the Judiciary, the petition from the Grand Lodge of Oregon, to be found on page 11,309, Journal, and which is in substance as follows: The Grand Lodge of Oregon permitted one of its Subordinate Lodges to hold its meetings semi-monthly, but neglected to provide for the lengthening of the term of said Lodge, so as to enable the officers to serve the requisite number of nights to entitle them to the honors of the office. This state of affairs continued until three members unwittingly obtained the Grand Lodge and Past Official Degrees. And the Grand Lodge of Oregon respectfully asks the Sovereign Grand Lodge to legalize their action,

Have considered the same, and not finding anything in connection with the action of the Subordinate Lodge, or the Grand Lodge, that indicates an intention to do wrong, and while not intending to indorse the illegality of the procedure, or to establish a precedent, recommend that the conferring of said Grand Lodge and Past Official Degrees, be and is hereby legalized by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. ROBBE, S. H. KELSEY, JNO. M. JONES,
E. K WILCOX, G. F. ROBBINS, WM. H. ISZARD,
JOHN G. CLARK, C. M. BUSBEE.

Rep. ROBBINS, of Rhode Island, from the same committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, viz, "That members of the Order in good standing, and who for twenty five years, or more, have been such, shall be entitled to wear a jewel to be designated 'The Veteran Jewel, I. O. O. F,'"

Beg leave to report that they have considered the same and recommend its adoption, and in order to carry the same into effect, submit the following additional resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing Supplies, together with the Grand Sire, are authorized and directed to prepare a suitable design for such jewel, and whenever, in their judgment, it shall be expedient, to procure and furnish the same to such persons as are entitled thereto and at such price as they shall fix, and the proceeds of such sales shall be paid to the Grand Treasurer in the same manner as the sales of other supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT F. ROBBINS, JOHN M. JONES, C. A. ROBBE,
JOHN G. CLARK, CHAS M. BUSBEE, WM. H. ISZARD,
E. K. WILCOX, S. H. KELSEY, C. D. COBB.

Rep. MCMURPHEY, of Montana, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Miscellaneous Business, to whom was referred that portion of the report of the Grand Sire relating to "Defunct Grand Bodies," particularly that portion referring to the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, have given the matter the consideration it requires, and would recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Sire in reclaiming the Charter of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, be and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

H. MCMURPHEY, D. B. LONG, FRANK A. TUTTLE,
PHIL. METSCHAN, ALFRED SLACK, ISAAC T. HART,
JAS. A. PRICE.

Rep. MCMURPHEY, of Montana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Miscellaneous Business, to whom was referred that portion of the report of the Grand Secretary relating to Odd Fellows' Beneficial Associations, Schools and Colleges and Library, submit as follows:

Referring to Odd Fellows' Beneficial Associations, we fully concur with the Grand Secretary, that unless these associations can be compelled by our laws to make annual reports to him, that the law requiring blanks to be furnished by him for this purpose should be repealed, and we would therefore recommend that such action be had.

We find, as per his report, that the library is constantly increasing in valuable journals, of various kinds, from the several Grand Jurisdictions, that are valuable to this Grand Lodge, and would recommend that, so far as practicable, they all be bound. We are also led to infer, from his report, that where schools and colleges exist and are under the control of the Odd Fellows, they are in a flourishing condition and are well cared for.

Respectfully submitted,

H. MCMURPHEY, D. B LONG, PHIL. METSCHAN,
ALFRED SLACK, FRANK A. TUTTLE, JAS. A. PRICE,
ROBT. W. TABER.

Rep. MILICE, of Indiana, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Returns, to whom were referred the annual reports of Grand Lodges concerning the Degree of Rebekah, respectfully report that they have examined the returns of the following jurisdictions and find them correct: Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. MILICE,	ISAAC H. COE,	J. BARTON SMITH,
JOHN A. GLIDDEN,	J. S CODDING,	J. FRANK GRANT,
F. T. MERRILL,	J. F. CROSETT,	ABBOTT G. SMITH.

Rep. DUNBAR, of Washington, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the following resolution, offered by Rep. REEDY, of Delaware, viz, "That the tax paid to the Sovereign Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, for the year 1887, be refunded to said Grand Lodge, inasmuch as the Representative from said jurisdiction was not able to be present at the session held in the city of Denver, in the year 1887," having duly considered the same, respectfully report adversely thereto, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

W R. DUNBAR,	CHAS H. RANDALL,	GEORGE W. DILKS,
WALTER E. CARLIN,	JAMES B BLANKS,	M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,
W. K. MAKEMSON,	LESTER S. HILL,	GEORGE W. GOSS.

Rep. MAKEMSON, of Texas, from the same committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the claim of Bro. L. BOURDONNAY, of New York City, have given the matter careful consideration. We find this claim is for expenses incurred by this Brother in the institution of Concorde Lodge, No. 1, at the city of Havre, in the Republic of France; that Bro. BOURDONNAY was duly commissioned by the present Grand Sire, JNO H. WHITE, as his Special Deputy to do this work, which required a trip from New York City to the city of Havre, France, and return. The Brother insists that his actual expenses amounted to something over thirteen hundred dollars. At the session of 1887, his claim for one thousand dollars was presented, and the Committee on Finance recommended the payment of three hundred and fifty dollars, which amount Bro. BOURDONNAY has received, and he now asks for a further appropriation. We fully concur in the opinion expressed by the Committee on Finance, at the last session, that this claim is excessively large, but in view of all the circumstances, we recommend the payment of the further sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, which, when received by Bro. BOURDONNAY, shall be in full satisfaction and payment of all demands due him on this claim.

Respectfully submitted,

W. K. MAKEMSON,	W K. DUNBAR,	GEO. W. DILKS,
JAMES B. BLANKS,	CHAS. H. RANDALL,	GEO. W. GOSS.

Rep. CARLIN, of Illinois, from the same committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Eellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the application of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, presented by Rep. HILL, of Virginia, to refund the Representative tax of 1881, paid by said Grand Body, on the ground that the Representative-elect, E. B. BRANCH, failed to attend the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in that year, would report that we have duly considered the same, and find no sufficient reasons to grant the request made. In this age of fast mails and telegraph lines, if a Representative finds that his business affairs prevent his attending the Sovereign Grand Lodge, there is time to resign, and for a successor to be appointed. In this case, no other reason is given for failure to attend, than that business prevented. We therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E CARLIN, W. K MAKEMSON, GEORGE W. DILKS,
CHAS H RANDALL, W. R. DUNBAR, GEORGE W. GOSS,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE.

Rep. CARLIN, of Illinois, from the same committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the preamble and resolution of Rep. PETTIT, of Florida, setting forth that by order of the Grand Sire, of date February 8th, 1887, Cuba Lodge, No 3, and Regla Lodge, No. 6, of the Island of Cuba, were transferred to the jurisdiction of Florida, and the Grand Master of said jurisdiction notified said Lodges to send Representatives to the said Grand Lodge, and in accordance with the request of the Grand Master, one of said Lodges, Cuba, No. 3, did elect JOAQUIN LANCIS, and he attended the sessions of the Grand Lodge of Florida, held at Tallahassee, April 12th, 13th and 14th, 1887, and received from said Grand Lodge mileage and per diem, amounting to $69 85, and since that time, said Lodges have been placed under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, report that said Lodges have paid no dues to the Grand Lodge of Florida, and said Grand Body asks that the amount paid out by it as aforesaid, to JOAQUIN LANCIS, as Representative ($69.85), be refunded, and having duly considered the subject, we find that the Grand Lodge of Florida, in good faith, accepted jurisdiction of the said Cuban Lodges, and in our opinion their request to so refund should be granted. We therefore offer the following, and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the sum of $69.85 be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Grand Lodge of Florida, and the Grand Secretary is authorized to draw his warrant upon the Grand Treasurer for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E CARLIN, CHAS H RANDALL, GEORGE W. DILKS,
W. K MAKEMSON, W. R. DUNBAR, JAMES B. BLANKS,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE.

Rep. CARLIN, of Illinois, from the same committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance have considered the request of the Grand Encampment of Idaho, found on page 11,286, Journal, to have the various amounts of per capita tax paid by the Subordinate Encampments in that jurisdiction into the treasury of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, from January 1st,

1888, to August 6th, 1888, aggregating $70.74, refunded and paid to said Grand Encampment of Idaho.

Inasmuch as the action of this Body, under like circumstances, returned amounts collected, to the Grand Encampments of Washington and Montana, and to the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, at the last session, the following is offered:

Resolved, That the amount of $70.74, received from Subordinate Encampments of Idaho, from January 1st, 1888, to August 6th, 1888, be transferred to the credit of the Grand Encampment of Idaho.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E CARLIN, CHAS. H. RANDALL, GEORGE W. DILKS,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, W. R. DUNBAR, W. K. MAKEMSON,
GEO. W. GOSS.

Rep. BLANKS, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance present the following resolutions for your approval:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Treasurer in transferring the bank account from the National Farmers' and Planters' Bank, of Baltimore, Md., to the National Security Bank, of Philadelphia, Pa., be and the same is hereby approved, and that the resolution heretofore adopted by this Grand Body, designating the National Farmers' and Planters' Bank, of Baltimore, Md., as the depository of the funds of this Grand Body, be and the same is hereby repealed, and that the National Security Bank, of Philadelphia, Pa., be and the same is hereby designated as such depository.

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Treasurer in transferring the U. S. bonds, the property of this Grand Lodge, from the Safe Deposit Co., of Baltimore, Md., to the Northern Savings Fund and Safe Deposit Co., of Philadelphia, Pa., be and the same is hereby approved, and that the resolution of this Grand Lodge, designating the Safe Deposit Co., of Baltimore, Md., as the depository for the U. S bonds of this Grand Lodge, be and the same is hereby repealed, and that the Northern Savings Fund and Safe Deposit Co., of Philadelphia, Pa., be and is hereby designated as the depository of the U. S. bonds, the property of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. BLANKS, CHAS. H. RANDALL, W. R DUNBAR,
GEO W. GOSS, WALTER E CARLIN, GEORGE W. DILKS,
W. K. MAKEMSON, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, LESTER S. HILL.

Rep. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the account of the Lieutenant-General for the fiscal year ending August 31st, 1888, report having examined the same.

They find that the Military Commission, consisting of General JOHN H. ALBIN, Judge Advocate-General; General JAMES B NICHOLSON, Commanding Second Army Corps, and Brigadier MARK RICHARDS MUCKLE, Assistant Quartermaster-General, have examined and audited the same, with the vouchers which accompany the detailed report, as submitted by the Lieutenant-General, from which it appears that the receipts from all sources were as follows:

RECEIPTS.

For Commissions, N. C. Warrants and Canton Tax	$7,639 90
For Warrants	1,020 00
For Engrossing	67 10
For Seals	407 00
For Tactics	688 65
For Supplies	861 82
For Sundries	678 27
	$11,362 74

EXPENDITURES.

For Visitations	$464 61
For Salaries	5,748 45
For Half-Warrant Fees paid to the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge	510 00
For Printing	700 00
For Supplies	2,044 00
For Postage	340 96
For Sundries (Rent, Jewels, Stationery, Gas, Coal, Telegrams, etc.)	1,526 79
	$11,334 81
Balance Cash on hand, September 1st, 1888	27 93
	$11,362 74

ASSETS.

Balance Cash on hand	$27 93
Supplies on hand for sale	1,005 00
Supplies for office use	289 80
Office Assets	780 45
Due for Canton Tax	1,172 00
For Commissions and N. C. Warrants issued and collectible	809 75
For Supplies ordered and delivered, viz., Seals, Stationery, Tactics, Books	269 52
Total	$4,354 45

LIABILITIES.

Due Cohen & Co. for Supplies in Printing, Stationery, Books, etc., under contracts carried by the publishers until sold	$2,000 00
Due Pettibone Manufacturing Co. for Banners, Flags, Uniforms and Equipments on hand, largest part collectible only on certain conditions	1,300 00
Percentage of Receipts due Commanders	1,200 00
Due Duhme & Co., unaudited account	220 00
Due Strobridge Lithograph Co., account	55 00
Total	$4,775 00
Excess of Liabilities above Assets	$420 55

It is gratifying for your committee to be able to state that the organization of Patriarchs Militant from the date of its inception to the present day, has been of no expense to the Sovereign Grand Lodge whatever; on the contrary, according to the accounts of Grand Secretary THEO. A. ROSS, it appears that the profit accruing to the treasury of the Sovereign Grand Lodge has aggregated to September 1st, 1888, the sum of $1,832.92.

Respectfully submitted,

M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, GEORGE W. DILKS, WALTER E. CARLIN,
CHARLES H. RANDALL, WM. R. DUNBAR, JAMES B. BLANKS,
W. K. MAKEMSON, LESTER S. HILL, GEORGE W. GOSS.

Rep. RANDALL, of California, from the same committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance have considered the following bills:

Isaac A. Sheppard, mileage, Committee on Printing Supplies	$19 60
I. Willenberg, services as Janitor, ice and towels	34 00
Total	$53 60

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to draw his warrant in favor of the above named persons, amounting to $53.60.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. RANDALL, WALTER E. CARLIN, W. R. DUNBAR,
GEORGE W. DILKS, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, W. K. MAKEMSON.

Rep. LEE, of Maryland, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Florida, would report that they have carefully examined the same, and we offer the following:

Resolved, That Section 1, Article IX., of the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Florida, be and is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. LEE, JOSEPH OLIVER, LE F. A. SHAW,
J. B. SHERIDAN, GEO. WHIPPLE, WM. W. HENRY,
JOHN G. DEUBERT, W. J. BRADSHAW, C. B. EDWARDS.

Rep. TUTTLE, of Colorado, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Miscellaneous Business, to whom was referred that portion of the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary relating to Duplicate Charters issued to the Grand Encampment of Minnesota, and to Covenant Lodge, No. 6, Idaho, beg leave to report that we believe no action is needed thereon at this session, as the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary were only obeying the mandate of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its last session, in issuing said Charters.

Your committee would recommend that the action of the Grand Sire, in issuing an Anniversary Proclamation and in Official Visitations, be approved.

We would respectfully suggest to this Grand Body, that the reference to this or any other committee, of the matters referred to above, and other matters of routine, of like character, gives committees useless work and unnecessarily cumbers the Journal.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK A. TUTTLE, PHIL. METSCHAN, ALFRED SLACK,
H. MCMURPHEY, D. B. LONG, ISAAC T. HART,
JAS. A. PRICE.

Rep. BLOCK, of Iowa, from the Special Committee on Revision of the German Ritual, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Special Committee on Revision of the German Ritual beg leave to report that the work committed to them cannot be properly performed during this session, on account of lack of time, and recommend for your consideration the following:

Resolved, That the committee be continued, have leave to sit in vacation, and shall report at the next annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN BLOCK, JACOB LOEB, AUGUST GRASSMANN.

Rep. SLACK, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Miscellaneous Business, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. WILSON, of Vermont, constituting Bro. A. J. HOUGH, of Vermont, Poet Laureate of Odd Fellowship, would report that we believe it inexpedient to appoint a Poet Laureate at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED SLACK,	H. MCMURPHEY,	ROBT. W. TABER,
L. P. WOODBURY,	FRANK A. TUTTLE,	ISAAC T. HART,
JAS. A. PRICE,	D. B. LONG,	PHIL. METSCHAN.

Rep. MCMURPHEY, of Montana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Miscellaneous Business, to whom was referred the petition of CHARLES I. RICE, of Worcester, Mass., for leave to publish and sell certain music and accompanying words, to be used in Lodges in conferring the degrees, consider all such publications as a source of revenue to this Grand Lodge, and they should be published only at the instance of this Grand Lodge. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That we deem it inexpedient to grant any such petition, and the committee is discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

H. MCMURPHEY,	ISAAC T. HART,	JAS. A. PRICE,
D. B. LONG,	ALFRED SLACK,	ROBT. W. TABER,
L. P. WOODBURY,	PHIL. METSCHAN.	

Rep. GRANT, of Indiana, from the Special Committee on a system of books for Subordinate Lodges, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Bro. M. Posz, of Shelby Lodge, No. 39, of Shelbyville, Indiana, and the papers accompanying

the petition, have carefully examined the same, and we find that his system for keeping books and accounts for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, is a most excellent one, and greatly simplifies and harmonizes the work of the financial officers of Lodges and Encampments, and when adopted and used, would result in the saving of much time and money.

We therefore recommend to Lodges and Encampments Bro. Posz's system of keeping the books and accounts thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. GRANT, ALEXANDER ROGERS, MONTIE B. GWINN.

Rep. JONES, of Maryland, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Printing Supplies submit the following for your consideration:

Resolved, That an engraving of Bro. JOHN H. WHITE, Past Grand Sire, be procured, and the proceedings of the years 1887 and 1888, with suitable index, be printed and bound as Vol. XIII., with the said engraving inserted, and that 1,000 copies be obtained.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. M. JONES, GEORGE W. DILKS, WM. H. ISZARD,
THEO A. ROSS, ISAAC A. SHEPPARD.

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, from the Special Committee on the Death of Past Grand Sire STOKES and others, made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred so much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to the death of Past Grand Sire STOKES and other Past Grand Representatives, and so much of the report of the Grand Secretary as is headed "Obituary," beg leave to report:

A prince in our Israel—a mighty man in our Fraternity—has fallen. Full of years and full of honors, our Brother beloved, JOHN W. STOKES, Past Grand Sire, has been called home. A year ago his eye was undimmed; his countenance beamed upon us; his voice gladdened our hearts, and from his long and large experience, and ripe and mature judgment, we were admonished and counseled, and, so, more wisely legislated.

We closed the session of 1887, at Denver, and our illustrious and venerated Past Grand Sire, with chosen companions, journeyed on to this Western Coast. Here he met and mingled with his Brethren, and all was joy and gladness. Returning, after a time, to his Eastern home, he laid down to die, conscious that his work on earth was finished, and on February 7th, 1888, the summons came and he was not—for God had called him. May we not, here and now, in this presence, with profit to ourselves, briefly rehearse his career?

First, we may consider it, aside from his connection with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Born in 1813, by birthright and by conviction, he was a member of the Society of Friends, and inherited a hatred of intolerance and proscription. He devoted much time, in the latter part of his life, to the interest of the society, and specially in its educational department. Whatever was narrow, proscriptive and intolerant in the society he labored to remove, reform and correct. Whatever was liberal, far and wide-reaching in the direction of

bettering the condition of humanity, and promotion of the greatest good to the greatest number, both inside and outside the society, JOHN W. STOKES advocated, promoted and gave the use of his every faculty and best effort to advance. And so, if we may be permitted to thus express ourselves, he was by birthright and conviction a Quaker, and by conviction and choice and practice, an Odd Fellow—a lover and helper of his fellow-man.

When he was fourteen years of age, he came from his home, in New Jersey, to the city of Philadelphia, and was apprenticed and learned the art, trade and mystery of a tailor. The boy was father of the man, and his integrity, assiduity, industry, sobriety, skill and gentle manners assured his success in the business, which he pursued for himself, after serving his apprenticeship, and the modest shop of the first years of his majority grew and was soon transformed into a large clothing house, and he acquired a competency; but his mental forces were being developed; he was a student as well as a workman, and in 1855 he retired from business and entered upon a methodical and diligent course of reading, and attendance upon the lectures of the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania. He was graduated in his forty-third year, admitted to the bar, and was selected by a distinguished son and Senator of Pennsylvania, the Hon. JAMES COOPER, for an associate and partner in the practice of his profession. It is an almost marvelous story, for the law is a jealous mistress and demands of its votaries unwearied effort and undivided attention, and yet the career of JOHN W. STOKES as a lawyer, was crowned with both success and distinction.

The city of Philadelphia sought his services, and public duties were discharged with marked fidelity. During the civil war, the National Government needed and obtained him for a position where integrity, above all things, was required. After the war, at Washington, he was honored with an official place of importance, and he supervised the erection of the building now occupied by the Department of Agriculture, and it is one of the few public buildings that have been erected for less than the original appropriation. Our lamented VANSANT had this signal distinction in the erection of the City Hall in Baltimore. All through the life of Bro. STOKES, he was controlled by a conscientious sense of duty, and so he was a model public officer, and a type of the best class of American citizens. But his career as an Odd Fellow, is what we here and now, should more delight to consider.

He was made an Odd Fellow in 1833, in Columbian Lodge, No. 36, of Philadelphia, and passed the chairs in that Lodge. He was admitted to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1836. That year No. 36 was merged with No. 28, and Bro. STOKES remained a member in good standing in No. 28 until his death. During the long period of fifty-two years, he served his Lodge faithfully and well, laboring for its prosperity and permanence. He was an Odd Fellow who never forgot the prime importance of the Subordinate Lodge.

He served as Grand Conductor of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1838; in 1839 was elected Grand Warden, and in 1840 Grand Master. His first appearance in this Sovereign Grand Body was at the September session of 1839, when he was appointed Grand Guardian, *pro tem.* He served as Grand Representative in 1842 and 1843, and again from 1846 to 1850, and he again served continuously as Grand Representative from 1861 to 1874, when he was elected Deputy Grand Sire, and in 1876, Grand Sire. Becoming a Past Grand Sire, year after year he attended the sessions, and gladdened the hearts of all by his personal presence, and lightened the labors of the Grand Representatives by his wise counsel, his vast experience and his ripe judgment.

We miss him, Grand Sire and Grand Representatives. He never obtruded himself upon the deliberations of this Body, but there were times when we needed his caution, and his counsel, for while progressive in all things, he was conservative at the same time. His monument is found in our Journals. Nine-and-forty years have passed since JOHN W. STOKES made his first appearance in this Senate of the Order. The minutes of the session of 1839 cover one and one-half pages, for there was no quorum. What a contrast with to-day!

In 1842 he first sat as a Grand Representative. Seventeen Grand Lodges and two Grand Encampments were represented; JOHN A. KENNEDY was Grand Sire. Neither officer nor Representative of 1839 or 1842, save only JOHN W. STOKES, was present in 1887, and possibly he alone survived them all. How the heart of our dear Bro. STOKES must have been moved with gratitude to the Father of all, that he for so many years was spared! How busy his memory in 1887! Your committee are loath to close their feeble tribute to his virtues and his worth.

He filled a large space in the eye of the Order for over fifty years. His name is written upon its history, and much of its prosperity, growth and standing in the world of civilization is due to his devotion and his labors. "His life was full, rounded and complete, and God called unto him to come up higher."

"He was a brave, grand man
Of spirit so true,
Of courage so dauntless,
Of judgment so wise,
His work will ne'er cease
Until earth's latest view
Is lost in the skies."

It would afford your Special Committee a melancholy pleasure to refer to each of the distinguished dead, whose names are borne on the roll of our departed Past Grand Representatives. Some of your committee have served with BIGELOW, BAXTER, GRAVES, LACY, LAMOS, LA FOLLETTE, JOHNSON, MALLORY, HAYNIE, RANSOM, SHIELDS, REED, VAN NORT, UNDERWOOD, of Indiana, and WOODWARD on this floor, and have a vivid recollection of them, and greatly appreciated their labors.

The year past has been remarkable in this, that so many of our *old men* have been called home. The Fathers, where are they? Fast passing away. GERARD B. ALLEN was a Grand Representative in 1844; DANIEL P. BARNARD and HORACE Y. BEEBE, in 1850, and JOSIAH H. BONNEY, in 1851. All those whom the Grand Sire has enrolled among the dead were, in their day and generation, men of might, but men with human hearts, loving their fellow-men. They led virtuous lives, and they still live in the remembrance, the love and reverence of posterity. It is our duty, as it is our pleasure, to honor them, for a voice, even the voice of our God, has said: "Thou shall rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man and fear thy God; I am the Lord."

We must not enlarge, for Representatives of the various jurisdictions will pay proper and just tribute to the memories of their dead. We offer the following:

Resolved, That the sympathies of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the families of our departed Brothers.

Resolved, That suitable mourning tablets in honor of, and to perpetuate in the memories of the living, our departed ones, be printed in the Revised Journal of the present session.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. HEDGES, R. E. WRIGHT, M. B. GWINN,
J. F. GMELICH, J. W. STEBBINS.

In accordance with the resolution, page 11,341, Journal, Rep. GUTHRIE, of Delaware, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—In obedience to an honored custom, it becomes my sad duty to announce to you that another true Odd Fellow has fallen since the meeting at Denver, Colorado. Having fulfilled his mission here, the Rev. GAYLORD L. MORE, Past Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Delaware, and Past Grand Representative to this Grand Lodge, de-

parted this life, at his residence in the city of Wilmington, on the evening of the 4th day of February, last, in the seventy sixth year of his age. As a sheaf fully ripe, he has been gathered by the Reaper, whose keen edged sickle will sooner or later, be lifted against each one of us, and none may escape. How many of us who remain can hope to reach such a venerable age and achieve so many manly deeds as he? Bro. GAYLORD L. MORE was born in Chautauqua county, New York, February 29th, 1812, of English parents. In early life he read law in Utica, New York, but abandoned this profession to take up theology. He moved to Unionville, Chester county, Pennsylvania, and there taught an academical school while preparing himself for the ministry. He was licensed to preach by the New Castle Presbytery in 1838. His first charge was at Wrightsville, Pennsylvania, and he subsequently served at Fairmount Church, Philadelphia; Denton, Maryland; Berlin, Maryland, and Long Island. In 1856 he went West as a missionary among the Indians, but failing health and the illness of his wife compelled him to return in a year. He then took charge of the Canal Street Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, La., and while there he was stricken by yellow fever, but recovered. When General BUTLER took charge of the city, in 1862, he refused to take the oath of allegiance, and went to Fort Gaines, Ga., until after the war. Then he returned to New Orleans and remained until 1869, when he came to Delaware and assumed the pastorate of Green Hill Presbyterian Church, near the city of Wilmington, Delaware, where he continued in active service for fourteen years. Bro. GAYLORD L MORE was admitted into Brandywine Lodge, No. 18, I. O. O. F., March 5th, 1870, by card, from the jurisdiction of Louisiana; later, he connected himself with Union Encampment, and in 1872 was admitted to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Delaware, where he soon gained the respect and confidence of all who came in contact with him. October 7th, 1873, he was elected Grand Patriarch of Delaware, in which position he performed the duties with honor to himself and credit to the jurisdiction, and by his untiring efforts to build up Odd Fellowship in Delaware, the Grand Lodge, in October, 1874, elected him Grand Representative to this Grand Lodge. He was admitted a member of the then Grand Lodge of the United States, September 20th, 1875, and continued a member for two years, during which time he served each year on the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, and did other good service and work, characteristic of a true Odd Fellow. Bro. MORE was one of the noblest types of manhood. He met all classes of humanity on the same level; the learned and unlearned, the rich and the poor, all received the same courteous treatment and counsel from him. As pastor, Bro. MORE was greatly beloved by all his congregation, and as an Odd Fellow, in his days of vigor and strength, he was an untiring and zealous worker. He was cordial and warm-hearted to an extreme, and conveyed, by the light of his eye and the clasp of his hand, assurances of friendly regard which the many who enjoyed his acquaintance will not readily forget.

Our Brother's time had fully come; the three score years and ten, marking the ordinary period of human life, had been passed, and he was reaching forward to four score years when, full of honors, he passed away. His voice is silent on the earth forever; but his services to Odd Fellowship and to his country, will live in memory, as an example to stimulate and to encourage others in the path of devotion to humanity and to the institutions under which we live. We therefore honor his memory, and hope that his spirit is in the realization of the fullest glory.

Rep. HIRST, of Delaware, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—It becomes my sad duty to convey to you the unpleasant information that, while the Grim Reaper, Death, has been stalking through our land, it would seem that the jurisdiction of Delaware has

been especially selected, during the last year, as a field from which choice and ripe fruit was to be garnered. As on a former occasion, my address to this Grand Body pertained to two Brothers whose lives ran in nearly parallel channels, and whom, in death were not long separated, so again, by a singular coincidence, I am called upon to speak of two other distinguished Brothers, whose lives and works were so closely associated, and so intimately blended, and who in death so closely followed each other, that it would be a difficult task to speak of one without mentioning the other. Both of them were connected with the same Subordinate Lodge and the same Subordinate Encampment, as the one who is now addressing you.

EDWARD MCINTIRE was born in Wilmington, Delaware, June 21st, 1815. On arriving at the proper age, he learned the trade of carpentering, but relinquished that trade to accept the position of book-keeper in the locomotive department of the P., W. & B. R. R. Co., which position he held for several years. During his life, he held a number of public positions in the city of Wilmington, serving at different times acceptably, as a member of the City Council, a member of the Board of Education, as City Treasurer, and as Clerk of the Water Department, which latter position he occupied at the time of his death.

He was initiated in Mechanics' Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., at Wilmington, Del., on the 15th of June, 1839, and filled, in succession, the several subordinate and progressive elective offices until October 17th, 1840, when he became Noble Grand, and, on retiring from that office, he was, on the 16th of January, 1841, installed as Secretary (afterwards styled Permanent Secretary) of the Lodge, to which position, which he filled with honor and credit, he was re-elected each succeeding term, until he was summoned to render his final account to his Maker, whom our Brother, we are assured, felt himself prepared to meet, carrying with him a clean balance-sheet. He was admitted to membership in the Grand Lodge of Delaware, I. O. O. F., on March 24th, 1841, and on the same date was elected to the office of R. W. Grand Warden, afterwards serving one term each in the offices of R. W. Grand Secretary, R. W. Deputy Grand Master and R. W. Grand Master, to which important office he was elected on the 12th of June, 1844. In the years 1845 and 1846 he represented the Grand Lodge of Delaware in the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., and June 13th, 1849, he became the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, I. O. O. F., and remained in that responsible position until October 9th, 1872. He was one of the constituent members of Delaware Encampment, No. 1, I. O. O. F., on the occasion of its re-organization, which was effected on the 1st of November, 1843. At that meeting, our Brother was inducted into the mysteries of the Sublime Degrees, and was appointed to the office of Sentinel. He became Chief Patriarch December 3d, 1844, and August 19th, 1845, he was installed as Scribe, which position he continued to hold until November 17th, 1887, when, at death's summons, he was enjoined to abstain from all earthly occupations. He was the last surviving Charter member of the Grand Encampment of Delaware, which was instituted on the 12th of August, 1848, and in which Grand Body he held the offices of W. Grand Inside Sentinel in 1848, W Grand Outside Sentinel in 1849, R. W. Grand Junior Warden in 1854, and R. W. Grand Treasurer in 1880.

When, with the weight of years upon him, and with trembling limbs, he for the last time was installed as Permanent Secretary of his Lodge, a feeling, impressive and solemn, pervaded the entire membership in attendance, which was remarkable for its composition, there being no less than six Past Grand Masters (including himself), one Grand Representative, and one Past Grand Representative, in addition to a full line of Grand Lodge Officers, present on that occasion. While waiting his turn for obligation, he turned to one of his supporters (JOSEPH PYLE, Past Grand Master,) and said: "Well, JOSIE, we are all getting along in years. I don't know how many more times I'll take the obligation. I think sometimes this will be my last. I have taken it over forty times now and I cannot expect to be with you much longer." Replying to a

question, he said: "Well, I am prepared. I am ready to go. I have never willfully injured anyone, and my Heavenly Father will provide for me. No, I am not afraid. I am ready, and you will never see me installed again. Human nature is weak, and I am very feeble. We'll meet in a better Lodge than this, I hope." A short time previous to the incident here mentioned, our Brother, after the close of his Encampment meeting, called the Chief Patriarch aside, and said, "Sit down here, RICHARD." After being seated, he said, "My time with you is very short, RICHARD;" then, after a pause, during which he appeared to be communing within himself, and examining his soul, he said, "DICKY, let death come when it will. I am all ready and prepared to go, feeling assured that I am all right."

Though quite feeble, he attended the Grand Lodge of Delaware, on Wednesday, November 16th, 1887, and participated in the election for Grand Officers. The next day, Thursday, he went to his office as usual, went home to dinner, returned after dinner to the office, where, before he could resume his duties, he was attacked with heart disease, and before medical aid arrived, the silver cord was loosed and his spirit had departed. His funeral took place on Sunday, November 20th, 1887, and was very largely attended by members of the Order. As his hopes were, so may his rest be.

HENRY ECKEL was born in Philadelphia, Pa., December 30th, 1816, of German parents, and in December, 1844, removed to and made his home in Wilmington, Delaware, where he, having learned the printing business, became one of the most prominent and influential local journalists of his time.

He became quite popular with the community in which he had cast his lot, and was elected to various positions of honor and distinction in the municipal bodies, in all of which he displayed great executive ability, always taking an active, and, generally, an aggressive part therein. The Board of Health, the Board of Education, of which he was twice elected President, and the City Council, of which he was President at the time of his death, all enjoyed the benefits of his wise counsels and ripe scholarship as a quick, fair and impartial parliamentarian.

Bro. HENRY ECKEL was admitted, by initiation, to membership in Mechanics' Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., of Wilmington, Del., on the 16th of June, 1849, and, rapidly passing the chairs, soon became a member of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Delaware, I. O. O. F., of which Body he was elected M. W. Grand Master on the 9th of June, 1858. On the 12th day of January, 1856, he withdrew by Card from Mechanics' Lodge, No. 4, for the purpose of becoming a Charter member of a new Lodge—Columbia, No. 26—with which Lodge he remained about fourteen years, when he withdrew from that Lodge and regained his membership in Mechanics' Lodge, No. 4, by deposit of card, April 16th, 1870. He represented the Grand Lodge of Delaware in the Grand Lodge of the United States in the years 1854–5–6–7 with marked ability. He was exalted to the Royal Purple Degree in Delaware Encampment, No. 1, I. O. O. F., of Wilmington, Del., February 5th, 1850, and, after passing the progressive chairs, became Chief Patriarch, July 6th, 1852; was admitted to the R. W. Grand Encampment of Delaware, I. O. O. F., in 1853, and July 19th, 1855, was elected to the exalted position of Most Worthy Grand Patriarch. In 1859, after the surrender of the Charter of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Delaware, he was appointed D. D. Grand Sire for the Encampment Branch of the Order in Delaware, by SAMUEL CRAIGHEAD, Grand Sire, and afterwards annually re-appointed by Grand Sires BOYLSTON, NICHOLSON and VEITCH, until the re-organization of the Grand Encampment of Delaware in 1866.

For more than forty years he was intimately associated with Past Grand Representative EDWARD MCINTIRE, whom he so soon followed to the other world, and was greatly shocked when he learned of that Brother's sudden death. He was, for many years, and until the time of his death, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Odd Fellows' Hall Co., of Wilmington, Delaware.

He quietly breathed his last on Tuesday, March 6th, 1888, and was unosten-

tatiously (at the request of his family) laid away with the impressive funeral ceremony of the P. E. Church, on Saturday, March 10th, 1888. His last words, addressed to the spiritual minister at his bedside, being in the form of a farewell, were, "COME SOON."

Rep. BLOCK, of Iowa, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—The jurisdiction of Iowa mourns over the loss of one of its oldest, its most distinguished member. JAMES THORINGTON, Past Grand Representative of Iowa, is no more; for away from his home, but in the arms of his daughter, at Santa Fe, he was called to eternal rest, on the 12th day of June, 1887. And yet our Brother is not dead; for his works live after him. JAMES THORINGTON was born in the Sunny South, at Wilmington, North Carolina, in May, 1816. In his youth he removed with his family to St. Louis, Missouri. To his permanent home in Davenport, he came about the year 1839. He was one of its early settlers, who planted the school-house in the territory of the wild Sacs and Foxes. His career in Iowa was a distinguished one. In 1854 he represented the State of Iowa in the lower house of Congress; he was four times elected Mayor of Davenport, and was Sheriff of his county for four years. President GRANT honored him by appointing him United States Consul at Aspinwall, a position he held for eleven consecutive years. JAMES THORINGTON was one of the Charter members of Davenport Lodge, No. 7, and its first presiding officer. He participated in the organization of the Grand Lodge of Iowa—was its first Grand Representative. Bro. THORINGTON was as faithful and diligent in his public duties, as he was kind and courteous in private life. Ever ready to aid and asisst his fellow-man, he was a typical Odd Fellow. His helping hand was always open to his young Brothers, and many of them are indebted to him, to a great extent, for their position in life. Though his voice may no longer be heard, the memory of his deeds, his work, will remain.

Rep. POWERS, of Iowa, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—The twenty-two thousand Odd Fellows in Iowa, and especially those in Keosauqua, mourn the death of JOSIAH H. BONNEY, Past Grand Representative, who was born in Chemung county, New York, on February 14th, 1817; came to Iowa, Van Buren county, June 1st, 1839, where he engaged in mercantile business. Was initiated into and became a member of Keosauqua Lodge, No. 3, I. O. O. F, July 22d, 1845; became a Past Grand and attended the session of the Grand Lodge in 1850, and was, at his first session, elected Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and served two years. Was elected Deputy Grand Master in 1852. He was on the Committee on the State of the Order several years; was our second Grand Representative. His last appearance in our Grand Lodge was at Des Moines, in 1881, as a Representative. In 1840 he was elected Sheriff of Van Buren county, being the first Sheriff elected by the people. In 1843 was elected a member of the House Territorial Legislature, and served one session. In 1844 was again elected Sheriff and served two years. In 1846 was elected Clerk of the Courts in Van Buren county, and served a term of two years. In 1848 was elected Secretary of State for Iowa, and served two years, being the second Secretary of State after Iowa was admitted to the Union. Was elected Commissioner of the Des Moines River Improvement in 1853, and served in that office for a term of two years, and was Deputy Sheriff of his county again in 1883–1884. Thus we see our late Brother was honored with many public trusts by his fellow-citizens, among whom he lived for nearly fifty years. He was a man of quiet demeanor, and somewhat reserved, but withal of a kindly social nature after acquaintanceship was made. He died at his home in Keosauqua, September 12th, 1887, aged 70 years.

In the death of Bro. BONNEY, the Order lost a valued and loved Brother and a true and courteous Odd Fellow. He rests from his labors and his works do surely follow him. *Requiescat in pace.*

Rep. WHIPPLE, of Iowa, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—A sad duty has been assigned to me. It is one that appeals to the finer nature of man, and which awakens the tenderest emotions of the heart. It is required of me to announce the death of a member of our noble Order, within the jurisdiction of the State of Iowa, who has been crowned with honors by his Brethren, and who has been welcomed in the halls of this Sovereign Grand Lodge. In announcing the death of Bro. MARTIN HEISEY, I name one whose voice was often heard in advocacy of our principles, and whose conduct was guided by the precepts of our Order. He was born in Switzerland, amid the mountain scenes of that free republic, in the month of February, 1815, and, with the constant flowing tide of emigration, in later years he drifted to this country.

He was made an Odd Fellow by Washington Lodge, No. 1, of Burlington, Iowa, on January 27th, 1849, and he remained a member thereof, until the day of his death, which occurred in January, 1887.

When I come to speak of him as a man, I speak of him as a friend; I speak as one who, for more than thirty years, gave him a fraternal clasp of the hand within the same Lodge-room. Between us there grew a strong, a lasting, friendship. To me, more than to many another, were those sterling qualities of the head and heart disclosed which he possessed in a marked degree. I grew to know him as a man, and I learned to love him as a Brother. Of him I can truly say:

> "His life was gentle; and the elements
> So mixed in him that Nature might stand up
> And say to all the world, 'This was a man.'"

I say this, for his life each day illustrated those high and noble principles upon which our Order is founded. Warm in his attachments, he was faithful as a friend, conscientious in his discharge of duty, and zealous in the work of the Lodge-room. Strong in his love of truth, he was never a party to a mean or unworthy act. Fearless of consequences, he never shrank from the performance of duty. His life was such that he gave honor to his Lodge, and his example is worthy of emulation. The honors which were conferred upon him, he earned by his merits. He was called upon to fill the position of Grand Master, and twice did he represent the jurisdiction of Iowa in the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

He never laid down his work until he was summoned by the Grand Master of the Universe to come up higher, and when he left us, the Lodge lost a noble member, the world a consistent Christian, and the community one whose place cannot be filled.

Rep. KENNER, of Indiana, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—With feelin of profound sadness, I announce to this Grand Lodge that since our last sess , at Denver, Death has claimed two of Indiana's noblest Odd Fellows—T AS UNDERWOOD, Past Grand Representative, and DAVID W. LA FOLLETTE, Pas Grand Representative.

Bro. THOMAS UNDERWOOD was one of Nature's noblemen. Possessed of one of those sunny natures we sometimes meet, he shed its genial rays all around him. He was stricken and passed away after a few days' illness, February 6th, 1888. In the language of his friend in the Grand Lodge of Indiana, we say:

"On occasions like this it is always becoming to speak kindly and lovingly; but in this instance, truth forbids the utterance of an unkind word. It is no

flattery to say that THOMAS UNDERWOOD was a man of remarkable characteristics—eminently worthy of praise and emulation. It will not be regarded as invidious to say that no man in the jurisdiction of Indiana has done more for the advancement and permanent good of the Order than he. His whole nature seemed to be enthused with the spirit of Odd Fellowship and its sublime teachings. In thought, speech and action he was vigorous and aggressive, though every word and gesture was tempered with kindness and love.

"It was impossible for him to be lukewarm or apathetic in the performance of any task, or the discharge of any duty, however important or trivial it might be. Though often impetuous, ardent and nervously energetic in debate, he was yet cool, prudent, wise and sagacious in council. He was a

> "'Combination and a form indeed,
> Where every god did seem to set his seal,
> To give the world assurance of a man.'

"He was a broad, philanthropic, liberal-minded man. He had none of the bigotry and intolerance which are so often mistaken for courage and wisdom in religious and political circles. He had native talent, which, if it had been cultivated, would have made him an orator or a writer of distinction. He had an eye for the beautiful and his soul was full of poetry. His private life was without a stain. From early manhood his career seems to have been exceptionally free from the errors to which mortals are so prone. He had implicit faith in the Fatherhood of God and the universal Brotherhood of Man.

"His life was a triumphant career of moral fervor. He knew his God as surely as he knew the tranquil beauty of the stars, or the meridian splendor of the sun. There were no lingering doubts to disturb his belief in the divinity of the Saviour and a future state of eternal bliss.

"To him death was the gateway to an eternity of purity, serenity and joy; the work of the church, of Odd Fellowship and other fraternities, of which he was an active and honored member, was to him a labor of love. So high and pure were the order and quality of his character, that it was easy for him to master every temptation. His home was to him the one spot of all others on earth of supreme felicity, typical of that higher home and more numerous family to which he has been summoned. His great, loving heart was entirely consecrated to his family and his fellow-man. His affection for his wife and children was as sweet and pure as a mother's kiss. His home was the abode of peace, confidence and contentment. No visions of glory could dim the luster of his fireside. No ambition dulled the calm delights of his hearthstone. It was the abiding place of all the domestic virtues. Chief and *Empress* of them all, reigned Love, around whose throne shone the mellow light of Christian charity. His death, coming as it did in the early afternoon of his mature manhood, is an irreparable loss to his family as well as to the Order he so ardently espoused, and upon which, for a quarter of a century and more, his name has shed a luster.

"In his death, the institution of Odd Fellowship at large has sustained a grievous loss. Though vigorous and stalwart as is the Order in the State of Indiana, it will feel keenly the loss of one whose fidelity to its tenets was so conspicuous and pronounced. With firm resolves to emulate his many virtues, let us reverently bow under the burden of our great bereavement. Words are unavailing in a moment like this. He was just, genial, honorable and artless, and has gone to his reward.

> "'His life was gentle; and the elements
> So mixed in him that Nature might stand up
> And say to all the world, 'This was a man.'"

"In fancy, I seem to see our departed friend and Brother on that far-off shore, his once restless spirit is in peaceful repose at last, resting in the glad sunlight of eternal morning. From that infinite height may we not fancy him comprehending, in the vast sweep of his now perfected vision, the places, events and

interests that attended his thoughts and engaged his energies in life? So shall he look down upon this Grand Lodge to-day as it pays this tribute in tears to his revered memory. In the van of all the sorrowing friends, he will behold the twenty-eight thousand Odd Fellows of Indiana watering his grave with tears and bedecking it from year to year with lilies and immortelles."

Bro. DAVID W. LA FOLLETTE was unlike Bro. UNDERWOOD, never excitable, but always calm, patient and tender. As a lawyer, judge and citizen, he was able, conscientious and respected. No warmer heart ever beat for humanity than Judge LA FOLLETTE'S. Reproducing here the remarks of a cherished friend, we can say: "This Grand Lodge is often called on in memorial services to remember those who are called from us and from active Grand Lodge work, during a term. One after another of our honored Brethren are falling, and we are reminded of the fact 'that we all do fade as a leaf.' Many emblems are used in Odd Fellowship to remind us of the fact that we are passing away. The seasons of the year may represent the beginning of human life, its changes and its end. The spring may represent early life; the summer may represent the years of strength and toil, while autumn may represent the infirmities and weakness of age; and winter tells of mortality—the time when 'man goeth to his long home, and mourners go about the streets.' The falling leaf, one of the evidences of autumn, portrays man's mutability. In late summer and early autumn the leaves of the trees become seared and dry, and fall to the ground as matter to change its form and feed the ground for future growth of vegetation. Sometimes the leaves on the tree are torn from it by the rude blasts ere they become dry, and thus represent dissolution ere old age is reached, as in the case of our departed Brother, who suddenly 'slipt away to life, and is in the sinless realms of rest.'

"Bro. LA FOLLETTE was a good man and true; he accepted the principles of our Order, and practiced them in his life without undue show. He believed fully in the great truth that 'God is the common father of all mankind and we are Brethren,' and as Brethren we are bound to care for our fellows, and, if possible, do them good The Order has lost, in his death, an earnest advocate and a zealous worker. In the Subordinate Lodges at home he was always ready for service. In the Grand Lodge he was a safe counselor and worker on committees on which he was placed, and in the interim of sessions the Grand Master often called for his services, and as often the service was given, and in this Body he was a useful member.

"He was an earnest and devoted member of the church, and always ready to perform any service there required of him; and in the absence of the pastor, often performed his services, and the church and congregation were always ready and happy to be served by him. He was an honor to the bar in which he practiced law for many years, and is now sadly missed in the court circles. He was a devoted husband and loving father, and has left behind him the savor of a good name."

Rep. PHISTER, of Kentucky, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—At the regular session of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, held in Louisville, Ky., October 23d, 24th and 25th, 1888, Past Grand Master GEORGE W. MORRIS, Chairman of the Committee on Demises, presented the following memorial of Past Grand Representative CHARLES WOLFORD, and Grand Representative JOHN P. PHISTER obtained permission to forward the same to the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, to be published in the proceedings of the session of 1888, as the most fitting tribute that could be paid to the memory of Bro. CHARLES WOLFORD, Past Grand Representative.

To attempt to recount in detail our Brother's connection with, and work in this Order, would be to write the history of Odd Fellowship in Kentucky. His birth antedates by several years that of American Odd Fellowship, and

his initiation into it occurred soon after it was planted on Kentucky soil. He was born in the city of Philadelphia, Pa , on the 22d of February, 1810, and died at Louisville, Ky., August 9th, 1888, in the seventy-ninth year of his age. He came to Louisville to reside in the year 1833, was married in the same year to MARGARET IRWIN, and had two children by her, both of whom died young. His wife died in the year 1843, and he never again married. He was initiated in Boone Lodge, No. 1, in the year 1833, but shortly afterwards withdrew from it, to assist in the formation of Chosen Friends Lodge, No. 2, of which he was a Charter member, and the last one of that number. In the year 1836 he entered the Grand Lodge of Kentucky as a member, and for fifty-two years was regular in his attendance, generally as one of his Lodge's Representatives. He represented this Grand Body in the Grand Lodge of the United States (now the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the World) for six consecutive years, namely, from 1853 to 1858, inclusive, and in addition to his ordinary duties in that august Body, which he discharged with great fidelity, he was chosen to perform the delicate and important task of reproducing in the most practical and beautiful form, a complete set of diagrams illustrative of the Secret Work of the Order in the various degrees, which remain to this day a monument to his taste, ingenuity and capacity. From and after the death of his family, his home was his Lodge, and the Lodges of the city in which he spent his leisure hours, and for forty-five years he was regarded as belonging to them all. No one was better known to the membership, or more welcome in their Lodges than he. He was a man of fine personal appearance, attractive manners, a genial companion, with an unusual flow of spirits, on whom the cares and responsibilities of life sat lightly, and he never seemed to grow old. He was by nature a lover of art, and devoted his leisure hours in gratifying his taste, which was a highly cultivated one, in painting, music, poetry and the drama, in all of which he achieved a deserved local reputation. He possessed fine elocutionary powers, and both in writing and speaking displayed them to advantage. In rendering the various charges of the Ritual to candidates, he had few equals, while his delivery of the Warden's charge was unrivaled—in that he was "par excellence." His prose writings are all excellent, while his poetry are gems, which have earned for him the title of "The Poet Laureate" of the Order in Kentucky.

The great value of this Order, in his estimation, was most admirably expressed by him in poetry and prose, a few years ago, at a banquet. In responding to a sentiment to Odd Fellowship, he said: "It is an institution, the principles of which are fixed as a beacon light on the shore of the sea of life, to guide the tempest-tossed to a harbor of safety and of rest; its broad ægis affords protection to more than one-half a million of the Brotherhood in this our favored land; and the prayers for its perpetuity, from the lips of thousands of our widows and orphans, ascend as fragrant incense to the great white throne of the Grand Master of the Universe. Then with grateful hearts let us hail the day which gave to the world an institution whose motto is

"FRIENDSHIP.

"Firm as the Alps, around whose peaks
The storm-god oft in thunder speaks.
In Friendship, which through weal or woe,
Warms the heart with genial glow;
Upholds the right, condemns the wrong,
Defends the weak against the strong;
Nor falters, when dark troubles dawn,
And gathers strength as years roll on.

"LOVE.

"Like the low and gentle breathing
Of a tender mother's prayer,
Love, with flowers the heart enwreathing,
Banishes each sordid care,
Fills the soul with joys supernal,
Roseate visions crown the night,
Making life a spring eternal,
Ever joyous, ever bright.

"TRUTH.

"Through the dreary lapse of ages,
Down the corridor of time,
As was taught by holy sages;
Steadfast as the rock of ages,
Comes Truth, eternal and sublime."

At the grave of Bro. POUCH, was sung a hymn, which was the last production of Bro. WOLFORD. Little thought he, as he joined in singing it, that six weeks from that day it would be sung by his Brethren over his grave. This ode has been adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge as part of the funeral service, reference to which is here made. To his bereaved family and friends the heartfelt sympathy of this Sovereign Grand Body is fraternally tendered, in the hope that they, one and all, may unite with it in the sentiment that

"Such men die not, but on the arms of love,
We, who have felt their power and know their care,
Lift them to brighter skies and fairer scenes,
Beyond the reach of earthly hope and fear."

Rep. RICHARDSON, of Maine, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—It becomes my sad duty to announce the death of Past Grand Patriarch and Past Grand Representative GEORGE L. REED, of Maine, who died at Bridgeport, Conn., June 24th, 1888. Bro. REED received his degrees in Manufacturers' and Mechanics' Lodge, of Lewiston, Maine, and was afterwards a Charter member of Monami Lodge, and assisted in the organization of Orion Encampment, at Mechanic Falls, where he resided before going to Bridgeport. He represented the jurisdiction of Maine in the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1882 and 1883. Bro. REED did much to advance the cause of Odd Fellowship in Maine. He was loved most by those who knew him best; a man of spotless character and reputation, who exemplified in his life the noble character of a true Odd Fellow.

Rep. COCKBURN, of Minnesota, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—It becomes my sad duty, as a Representative of Minnesota, to report the death of Past Grand Patriarch and Past Grand Representative ALEXANDER WILSON, and Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative CHARLES HOAG. Thus two of Minnesota's pioneers in the work of the Order, have been called hence, after performing the work of a generation in the true spirit of Odd Fellowship here below, to receive, in the Grand Lodge above, the reward of their good works.

Bro. ALEXANDER WILSON was born in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, September 16th, 1813, and died in St. Paul, Minnesota, November 28th, 1887, at the age of seventy-four years, two months and twelve days. Bro. WILSON joined the Order of Odd Fellows in Dalton, Ohio, in 1846, when thirty-two years of age, and was ardently attached to it for the remainder of his life—a period of over forty-two years. In 1855 Bro. WILSON moved into St. Paul, Minnesota, where he resided until his death. June 23d, 1856, he united with Hennepin Lodge, No. 4, at St. Paul, and shortly after, became a member of Minnesota Encampment, No. 1. In 1857 he was admitted to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and was, just prior to his death, the oldest member of that Body. He had filled the office of Grand Secretary in 1857, Grand Treasurer in 1859, 1860 and 1861, and Grand Chaplain for ten years, and had never missed a session of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota from the time he became a member until his death.

In 1872 he was elected Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment, and in 1875 he was elected Grand Representative from that Body. He was an ardent Odd Fellow, and loved the Order and its good work with a whole-souled love. The Grand Lodge sessions and social reunions were seasons of great pleasure

to him, and to all the Brethren it was a joy and pleasure to meet him there, as with them he had attained a popularity and esteem which are enjoyed by but few.

He was zealous, not only in Odd Fellowship, but in all good work. In his youth he united with the church, and was a devoted and exemplary member; he lived a pure and upright life, a bright example for the young, with whom he had a powerful influence and was a favorite. The influence for good of his noble and upright life remains, and cannot be forgotten by those who knew him.

Bro. CHARLES HOAG was born at Sandwich, New Hampshire, June 29th, 1808, and died at Minneapolis, Minnesota, February 1st, 1888, having nearly reached the advanced age of eighty years. In his youth he showed more than average intellectual ability, and engaged as a school teacher in his native town when sixteen years of age, and continued to teach there until he was twenty-one. At this time he removed to New York State, where he resided and continued to teach until 1838. He then moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he taught school for nine years. He was then promoted to the Principal of Bustleton Academy, which position he held until he moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1852. Here he became a leading spirit in that infant city, and to him was accorded the honor of naming the present city of Minneapolis. He conceived the idea of compounding the Dakota word *Minne* (water) and the Greek word *Polis* (city). Bro. HOAG lived to see Minneapolis a large, important and flourishing city, and it was a great pleasure to him to refer to the fact that he had named it.

About 1845, Bro. HOAG became a member of the Order, uniting with Rising Star Lodge, No. 47, at Bustleton, Pennsylvania. In September, 1848, he was elected Secretary of his Lodge, and passed the chairs in quick succession. In 1849 he was admitted a member of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and in 1850 represented Rising Star Lodge in that Grand Lodge. He was an active member of the Order from the first, and up to the time of leaving Pennsylvania for Minnesota, a leading member in his jurisdiction.

When Bro. HOAG arrived in Minnesota, in 1852, there was no Odd Fellows' Lodge in Minneapolis. This was a serious deprivation to him, and he sorely felt the loss of so great a privilege as his Lodge had been, but he was not discouraged; he became a leading citizen in his young town and a pioneer in the work of the Order, and with others, in 1855, he petitioned the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, which had been instituted the same year, and received a Charter for North Star Lodge, No. 6, of which he remained a member until his death, at which time he was the oldest member of his Lodge, having held membership therein for thirty-two years. He was admitted to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota in 1858, and at once became an active member. He was elected Grand Warden in January, 1859. In October, 1859, he was elected Grand Master. He was elected Grand Representative in 1860, and served with ability in the sessions of 1861 and 1862 of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Though he held no official position after this, he always took an active part in the work of the Order, never failing to attend the meetings when his health permitted, and always was present at any public demonstration, in the full spirit of a young member, even after he had passed his allotted "three score and ten."

He was a Brother who had a wide influence among his fellow-men. He had a valuable gift as a speaker, and possessed a large amount of information to draw from, which he had stored from his many years of study and thought. He was an able advocate for the principles of our Order during his active life, and always made a good impression on his audience. His conversation was interesting and instructive, and he was endowed with a large amount of native wit. He was a most genial entertainer. His home was ever open for social and generous hospitality, and he ever maintained a pure character and an upright walk in life.

His parents were of the Society of Friends (Quaker), and Bro. HOAG adhered to the same belief and customs all his life. He was truly a FRIEND to one in need, and illustrated the principles of FRIENDSHIP, as also of LOVE and TRUTH. He was indeed a good man, and his example in life is worthy of emulation.

Rep. PRICE, of Missouri, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—WM. H. GRAVES, Past Grand Representative, was born on a farm, in Lewis county, Missouri, where he received the advantages usual with the sons of well-to-do farmers. On attaining his majority he located in the city of Canton, where he continued to reside, engaged in mercantile and manufacturing pursuits, except four years, during which time he acted as County Collector, and resided at Monticello. Bro. GRAVES' habits of intelligent industry enabled him to take a front rank among his fellow-citizens, and to have a good degree of success in his chosen vocations, and such was his high standing in the community, that in all the relations of life he was held in high esteem—serving in the office, as aforesaid, of County Collector, and Mayor of the city of Canton. His domestic life was in perfect harmony with his general character, a thoughtful and tender husband and father, distinguished for his hospitality—his house was the home of the stranger, Christian and Odd Fellow.

Bro. GRAVES was initiated, at the age of twenty-three, into Franklin Lodge, No. 44, January, 1864, received the various degrees as rapidly as the law would permit, was elected to and passed the several elective offices. In September, 1866, Bro. GRAVES withdrew, with others, from his Lodge and became a Charter member of Meridian Lodge, No. 162, in which he served as Treasurer and three terms as Noble Grand. He was elected a Representative to the Grand Lodge in 1874, Grand Warden in 1876, Deputy Grand Master in 1877, Grand Master in 1878, and Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1879, serving in the latter position two years—one session at Baltimore and the other in Toronto. Though receiving all the honors which Missouri could bestow, he was one of the few Past Grand Masters who continued, after serving in the more exalted positions, to serve his Lodge continuously by constant attendance upon its meetings, and accepting offices there, even the humblest, when needed; and such was his solicitude for its permanent prosperity, that nearly the last word he uttered before he "fell asleep" was, "Tell the Brethren to be faithful to the Lodge." He was one of the originators of Canton Library, organized for the exclusive use of the members of our Order, but now free to all good citizens. He was an Odd Fellow in spirit and truth; no Brother could be more faithful and true in the discharge of every duty. He received the highest honors it was in the power of his Brothers to bestow, which he bore with honor and credit to himself, and did not, like many, retire and rest upon his laurels, but it seemed to imbue him with new energy and zeal to labor, which he did to the last and fatal end. On the 9th day of November, 1887, at his home in Canton, Mo., surrounded by his beloved wife and children, and Brother Odd Fellows, he was, by the Great and Eternal Grand Patriarch, called home to rest in the Grand "Camp" above. He has climbed the steep and dreadful pass of death, and we can only say,

"Farewell! we yield him to the tomb,
With many a bitter tear,
Though 'twas not meet that a soul like his
Should longer tarry here.
Fond clustering hopes have sunk with him,
That earth can ne'er restore,
Love casts a garland o'er his grave,
That may not blossom more.
But he is where such dreams of hope,
Shall in fruition fade,
And love immortal and refined,
Glow on without a shade."

All that was mortal of him now rests in the cemetery at Canton, where his name and remembrance will be cherished, and his grave kept green by loving ones left behind.

Rep. GMELICH, of Missouri, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—GERARD B. ALLEN, Past Grand Representative, spent many years of a long and active life in the service of Odd Fellowship, and in speaking of those who by precept and example have built up the Order in Missouri, none are entitled to a higher eulogy. He was born in Cork, Ireland, December 6th, 1813, came to this country in 1836, and arrived in St. Louis in 1837. He was a wood turner, and worked at his trade for some years, afterwards entering into business as a furniture manufacturer. In 1847 he went into the iron business with GATY, MCCUNE & Co. In 1855 he established the Fulton Iron Works, and remained connected with that business until his death. It was a trait peculiar to Bro. ALLEN, that in every enterprise in which he embarked he was successful—by the sheer force of his indomitable will and enterprise. In the midst of all his business activity he was noted as a public-spirited citizen, able in counsel and prompt in action, in all measures for the benefit of the chosen city of his adoption. Initiated in Travelers' Rest Lodge, No. 1, in 1837, we find him fairly embarked in the cause of Odd Fellowship, and, with characteristic zeal, his course was rapidly onward and upward. He joined St. Louis Lodge in 1841, admitted to Grand Lodge in 1842; in May of same year was appointed Grand Secretary; in January, 1844, was elected Deputy Grand Master, and in 1845 was chosen Grand Master. He was elected Grand Secretary in 1847. While Grand Master he laid the corner-stone of Odd Fellows' Hall. He had the honor of being the first Grand Patriarch of Missouri, in 1846; was chosen first Grand Representative of the Grand Encampment to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and Grand Representative from the Grand Lodge of Missouri in 1844. All these official positions he filled with signal ability. Recognized as a man of rare business judgment, his advice was constantly sought in the financial affairs of his own Lodge and the higher councils of the Order, and it is claimed to-day that the sound financial condition of the Order in St. Louis is largely due to his advice and influence. The crowning act of Bro. ALLEN's life as an Odd Fellow was the laying of the corner-stone of the magnificent Temple now in course of erection by the Odd Fellows of St. Louis. This project was one long cherished by our departed Brother, and its grand success is largely due to his sagacity and careful management. While its massive walls stand as a monument of enterprise and prudent thrift, the name of its friend and projector will be cherished and revered.

In 1862, while Missouri was being scorched by the fires of civil war, while our Order was almost destroyed by opposing factions throughout the State, a crisis arose in the Grand Lodge, and a partisan spirit seemed to have invaded its sacred walls. GERARD B. ALLEN was urged, in the interest of peace and harmony, to again accept the nomination for Grand Master. He was triumphantly elected, served his second term with great satisfaction to the Order, and from that day, partisan strife has been unknown in the Grand Lodge.

Let his name be cherished as one of the greatest benefactors of the Order in our State and nation. His clear business methods and wise counsels entered largely into the management of the finances of the Grand Lodge, and their prosperous condition to-day may be largely traced to his judgment and advice. Under a mild exterior there beat as warm and generous a heart as ever was worn beneath the armor of knighthood, or that pulsated to the appeals of sorrow and suffering. His hand was always open to the wants of the Order in its most extended forms, but while his generosity was prodigal and quiet, it was conveyed in a method to confer a lasting benefit if possible. He not only planned for the present, but, with a ken which often seemed like inspiration, he looked forward to contingencies whose occurrence demonstrated his prescience.

Such was GERARD B. ALLEN, who died July 27th, 1887—a good citizen, an able and zealous Odd Fellow, whose name, in every walk of life, was always a synonym for honor and personal worth.

"And is he dead—whose glorious mind
Lifts thine on high?
To live in hearts we leave behind,
Is not to die."

Rep. SMITH, of Missouri, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—An examination of the history of our Order in the various Grand Lodges subordinate to this Supreme Body, reveals the solemn and sad truth that the State which I in part represent upon this floor, has sustained a far greater loss by death than any other of its sisters. Within less than five years Missouri has lost nine of her most prominent and useful members, all of whom have been Representatives in this Body—all having an enviable record at home, some of whom were for many years men of influence and mark in this most august Body of the Order.

Though it has been the painful duty of the Representatives of my State to have already, at this session, announced the death of two, it now becomes our duty to add the name of another to the list of those lost by death since your last session.

E. K. WOODWARD, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative, was born in Massachusetts in 1814, and died in St. Louis, July 15th, 1888, aged seventy-four years. Bro. WOODWARD was, for many years, a merchant of St. Louis, and like many others, after amassing a competency, by the vicissitudes of trade became embarrassed when advanced years were upon him, and yet, with the large acquaintance which he formed, his character for integrity was always fully sustained. Of modest, retiring disposition, yet firm and unhesitating in the maintenance of truth and right, his well-balanced mind and varied experience made him a valued counselor for the young and inexperienced.

Bro. WOODWARD was initiated into Wildey Lodge, No. 2, in May, 1844, and in October, 1845, was elected, without previous service in office, as Noble Grand of his Lodge; was admitted to the Grand Lodge in 1846, elected Grand Warden in 1848, Deputy Grand Master in 1849, Grand Master in 1850, and Representative to this Body in 1851 and 1852. During a continuous membership in one Lodge of forty-four years, he manifested an active and unselfish interest in the Order, and sought, by precept and example, to influence the membership of the Order in his own and other Lodges, to let their life and conduct be controlled by the principles for the advancement of which this organization exists.

At a ripe old age the spirit of this veteran Odd Fellow and Brother, this honored, exemplary citizen, this sincere Christian, has been called to enter that Grand Lodge above, while all that was mortal has been laid to sleep in the beautiful City of the Dead, Bellefontaine. May his mantle fall upon many others, and his example illuminate their pathway until our Order shall have an abiding place in every land, and its pure lessons be taught in every language and tongue.

Rep. MACK, of Nevada, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—It is with sorrow and regret that I announce the death of Past Grand Master, Past Grand Patriarch and Past Grand Representative DAVID OLIVER ADKISON, of the Grand Jurisdiction of Nevada. He died at San Francisco, State of California, on the 3d day of November, 1887, where he had gone in search of health. Bro. ADKISON was born at Brookville, Indiana, on the 14th day of June, 1823; joined a Lodge at Peru, in that State, during the year 1846, and remained a member of the Order in good standing to the day of his death. In 1852 Bro. ADKISON determined to remove to California. Joining a band of Argonauts, he commenced that long and toilsome journey across the plains to the far West, and at last beheld from the summits of the Sierras the delightful hills and vales of California. On reaching the land of promise, he at once embarked in the pursuit of mining, and at times followed his trade, that of a brick and stone mason. In 1861 he was elected to the Legislature of California as a Whig, from a Democratic stronghold in that State, showing that the principles of Odd Fellowship, which he always practiced, aroused a kindred feeling of friendship in those with whom

he associated. Soon after his term of office had expired, he removed to the Territory of Nevada, and took an active part in forming the Territory into the "Battle-Born State." In the year 1869 he was elected to the Legislature of the State of Nevada, and was again honored by being elected Speaker of the Assembly, which office he filled with marked ability. In 1872 he was appointed postmaster at Virginia City, by President GRANT, and held that office for a period of twelve years, with honor and credit to himself.

Soon after taking up his residence in Nevada, he withdrew from his mother-Lodge in Indiana and united himself with Mount Davidson Lodge, No. 3, in Virginia City, and began that grand career in Odd Fellowship which redounded with so much honor to himself and so much benefit to the entire jurisdiction of Nevada. His advancement in the Order was as rapid as it was merited. He soon reached the positions of Grand Master and Past Grand Patriarch, and was twice elected a Representative to this Grand Body; and while discharging the duties of those positions, he not only won the respect, but the love of his constituents.

Bro. ADKISON was an earnest, progressive Odd Fellow, a ready, eloquent and forcible speaker, and always took delight in portraying the beauties of Odd Fellowship; and when discoursing on the principles of our Order, his face would glow with that ardent feeling which can only come from the heart. He was a man of indomitable will, and was constantly endeavoring to improve the condition of our Order. The Odd Fellows' building at Virginia City, Nevada, costing $100,000, is a monument of his untiring will. No sooner had the hall been completed and the Order had moved into its beautiful home, than a fire broke out which soon razed it to a smouldering mass of ruins. Undaunted, Bro. ADKISON gathered the Odd Fellows around him, and, imparting his energy to all, soon accumulated the means to rebuild the hall at an expense of $80,000. Bro. ADKISON was a good man, a loyal citizen, a devoted son to his aged mother, a loving husband to his blind wife, an affectionate father to his children, and an earnest, life-long Odd Fellow.

Rep. ISZARD, of New Jersey, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—Bro. DAYTON B. WHITAKER, Past Grand Representative, was born in Fairfield township, Cumberland county, New Jersey, on May 7th, 1814, and in the near vicinity he lived till his decease. His early opportunities were limited, and at the age of fourteen he began to learn the trade of a carpenter, which he followed without interruption till 1849. Then he enlarged his business operations, and became a contractor and dealer in lumber, which he followed during the remainder of his life. He was noted for the strictest honesty and integrity in every department. As a business man, he was respected and relied on. He held several township offices, and discharged their duties faithfully, as becomes a good citizen. For many years he was a Director in the Cumberland Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He was also a devoted member of the Methodist church, and actively engaged in several official relations, which terminated only with his life. He was a good man, quiet and unassuming, but always ready and willing to do his part in improving the condition of humanity and advancing the prosperity of the community.

He was especially prominent as a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, where he seemed to have an opportunity afforded him to put in practical shape the generous sentiments of his nature. He became identified with the Order about the time of the organization of Cumberland Lodge, No. 35, in January, 1846. He took his degrees in due time, and in October following, he was elected Secretary. His promotion rapidly followed, for we find that he was elected Noble Grand July 1st, 1847, and the following January was sent as Representative of his Lodge to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. Here he at once became a useful member. He entered heartily into the business of the Grand Body, and was earnest in the discharge of the duties devolving upon

him. In 1857 he was elected Grand Master. His year of service was not marked by any special features. Our Order then was making a slow but steady growth, and but little more than routine duty was demanded. The Grand Lodge elected him Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1868, and he attended the session of that Grand Body at San Francisco, California, in 1869. He served two terms as Grand Representative.

He joined Good Intent Encampment, No. 15, at its organization in 1847, and served in various official relations till he became a Past Chief Patriarch. For many years he was Scribe of his Encampment and Treasurer of his Lodge. He served in these positions until his attack of paralysis, which terminated his life January 9th, 1888. He was also identified with other similar organizations, in which he was honored with proper promotion and official stations.

Whatever he undertook he performed faithfully and well. In every relation of life he was conscientious, earnest and devoted. As the head of a family he realized his obligations, and was kind and prudent; as a Christian he was foremost in promoting every good enterprise, and faithful in discharging his individual duty; as a worthy citizen he had the best interests of the community at heart, and as "an Odd Fellow in spirit and in truth," he recognized the claims of fraternity, and was a tried and true friend to all his Brethren.

Rep. PARKER, of New Jersey, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—Our Order has lost a good and true member in the decease of SAMUEL READ, Past Grand Representative of New Jersey. After a short but severe illness, he died at Mount Holly, his old home, on August 13th, 1888. At the time of his decease he was the oldest, in service, of our Past Grand Masters.

He was one of the Charter members of Mount Holly Lodge, No. 19, and its first Noble Grand, April 12th, 1843. He entered the State Grand Lodge at the session of August, 1843, and was elected Grand Master in 1845, and Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1848, where he served for two terms.

He was also a Charter member of Mount Holly Encampment, No. 9, in 1844, and in due time took his seat in the Grand Encampment. At the session of 1867 he was elected Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States from the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, and served one term.

He was a man of a most amiable disposition. Whoever met him felt at once attracted toward him. He was magnetic. Although afflicted for many years, his spirit never seemed to be ruffled, and he was always companionable, even when prostrated. To the Brethren of New Jersey he was especially endeared. They all loved the man, and cordially welcomed him whenever he came among them. They feel that they have not only lost a dearly beloved Brother, but a warm personal friend.

He was closely identified with several benevolent organizations, in all of which he attained conspicuous positions. His social qualities elevated him wherever he chose to exert them.

He will long live in the memory of the Brotherhood, as a kind-hearted man and a true Odd Fellow.

Rep. DILKS, of New York, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—Since the last session of this Grand Lodge, four Past Grand Representatives of the jurisdiction of New York have been summoned from their earthly labors. DANIEL P. BARNARD, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative; JOHN F. VAN NORT, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative; WILLIAM L. WEMMELL, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative, and WILLIAM LACY, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative.

DANIEL P. BARNARD, whose demise occurred February 18th, 1888, in the seventy-sixth year of his age, was born in Hudson, N. Y., in 1812. He studied law in Baltimore, Md., and was there admitted to the bar. He made Brooklyn, N. Y., his home, in 1842, and there practiced law during the remainder of his life. About 1850 he engaged in politics, and subsequently filled several positions of honor. In June, 1843, we find him a Scarlet Degree member in Brooklyn Lodge, No. 26. From this time forward his progress in the Order must have been rapid, for he was admitted to membership in the Grand Encampment of New York August 12th, 1844, as a High Priest of Salem Encampment, No. 7, and to the Grand Lodge November 6th, same year, from No. 26. On the 11th of August, 1845, he was elected Grand High Priest, and on the 13th, installed as Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge. August 10th, 1846, was elected Grand Patriarch, and retired at the next annual session, with full honors. In July, 1846, he and others proposed an amendment to the Constitution, providing for a convention to revise the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. This convention was convened in the following November, consisting of delegates representing, principally, non-city Lodges, who framed the proposed Constitution, which led to a disruption in the Grand Lodge, followed by a division of the Subordinates into two parties under the leadership respectively of the New Constitution party and the old Grand Lodge, in 1848. On the 26th of January, 1848, the Standing Committee of the New Constitution party met and declared the offices of Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master vacant, by reason of their officers adhering to the old Grand Lodge. They then elected Past Grand Warden DANIEL P. BARNARD, then of Magnolia Lodge, No. 166, Deputy Grand Master, acting as Grand Master. On the 21st of August, 1848, he was installed Grand Master of the New Constitution Grand Lodge, and made an energetic and efficient executive officer and leader. In 1850 he was elected to represent this Body in the Grand Lodge of the United States, and admitted to a seat at the session held in Cincinnati that year—a division of the State into two jurisdictions (Grand Lodge of Northern New York and Grand Lodge of Southern New York), having been legalized by the Grand Lodge of the United States. In 1852 he was returned by the Grand Encampment of Northern New York for two years. At this session he was elected the third member of a committee of five, raised by ballot, to consider and report necessary amendments to the Constitution, Laws and Rules of the Grand Lodge of the United States. He was also nominated for the office of Grand Sire, and received thirty-two out of eighty-seven votes, but failed of success on the fourth ballot. He was a regular attendant at the annual sessions of his Grand Lodge, a faithful worker, and a valuable chairman of the Appeal Committee. In 1865 he was appointed on the Committee of Conference in regard to the mergement of the two jurisdictions in the State of New York, and was very active in the formation of a Code of Laws in the Joint Committee, which resulted in a union under one jurisdiction in 1866. He was present and participated in its consummation in August of that year. He attended the session held in Syracuse in 1867, but since has taken no active part in either the Grand or the Subordinate Bodies, but maintained his good standing in both Lodge and Encampment.

Although personally known only to a very few of the present members of this Grand Lodge, the records of our Order, forty years ago, bear witness that his voice and pen had not been wanting when called upon in the cause of Odd Fellowship. In all he said or wrote, one prominent trait of his character stood out in bold relief—he always expressed his convictions on any subject at issue connected with our Order, no matter who might disapprove. His outspoken manner and his sincerity, which were ever blended with an honest zeal, may have proved obstacles to his rising to and adorning the highest position in the gift of the Order; but they developed qualities of the head and the heart, which should ever command the admiration of right-minded men.

JOHN F. VAN NORT, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative, was born in Newburg, N. Y., in 1819, and lived there all his life. He has always

been identified with whatever interested and benefited his native town, and has held several of its public offices. He was a successful drug merchant, and having laid up an abundance for his future needs, long since gave up business, devoting much of his leisure time to the fraternal organizations with which he united. He was initiated in Poughkeepsie Lodge, No. 21, early in 1842. He withdrew and became an applicant for the Charter for Highland Lodge, No. 65, which was instituted at Newburg, March 29th, 1842. In 1874, 1875 and 1876, he was successively elected Grand Warden, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master, retiring from the latter at Newburg, in August, 1877. He united with Mount Olive Encampment, No. 65, March 7th, 1872. In this branch he never earned titles other than Past Chief Patriarch and District Deputy Grand Patriarch, but ever maintained an interest in its welfare and prosperity. In 1878 he was chosen Grand Representative to represent the Grand Lodge for two years. While a member of this Body, he made a favorable impression, by reason of his knowledge of and great zeal in the Order, and formed many valuable acquaintances among its members.

He was stricken down suddenly, and very unexpectedly to his family and friends, without a moment's warning. He was occupied in his garden, when he was seized with apoplexy, at 2 P. M., May 1st, 1888, and paralysis immediately ensued. He died on the following Friday morning, and was laid to rest in the grave on Monday, the 7th.

The memory of each of these deceased Brothers is entitled to be cherished by this Grand Lodge, and the records in its archives should show that, with Odd Fellows, the memories of good men, who have been faithful to the interests and trusts of the Order, are ever green in the hearts of surviving Brethren. That they have gone before, is but to remind us how soon we must follow on the same journey, and make us desire that when we, too, shall lay aside the badges of office and cease our earthly toil and strife, we may each be found to have finished our appointed task here below, and merited the commendation and acceptance of our Supreme Grand Sire.

WILLIAM L. WEMMELL, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative, was the fourth of the Past Grand Masters of New York called hence since the last session of this Grand Body. After a few days' illness, death ensued on the morning of August 6th, at his residence in New York city, at the age of sixty-nine. He was initiated into the Order in Covenant Lodge, No. 35, in 1841; admitted a member of the Grand Lodge in 1848; elected Grand Warden in 1858; Deputy Grand Master in 1859, and Grand Master in 1860. He was a Charter member of Lebanon Encampment, No. 19 (now 12), which was instituted May 5th, 1845, and received the Grand Encampment Degree February 4th, 1850. In 1863 he was elected to represent the Grand Lodge of New York in the Grand Lodge of the United States, and was a Representative at the session held at Boston in 1864. At both sessions he served on the Mileage and Per Diem Committee, and ever after esteemed it the greatest honor of his life to have occupied a Representative seat in this Body.

He gave freely of his time to the work and interests of the Order, and was a faithful attendant upon Lodge and Camp—at his own from a sense of duty, and at others when his services were needed or desirable. Although nearly half a century laboring in the work of the Order, yet at the age of three score and ten his interest in its welfare and participation in its practical operations, never flagged for a moment. He was emphatically an Odd Fellow of the old school, and outward pomp, parade and show found no friend in WILLIAM L. WEMMELL. Peace to his ashes.

Rep. DEUBERT, of New York, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—The death-roll in the jurisdiction of New York, in the past twelve months, has been unusually large, and embraces names which the Order has ever held in high estimation, frequently sought

occasions to place conspicuously upon the pages of its annual records and honor with official preferment. It is a sad duty imposed upon the Representatives of New York, to transfer four of these names to the death-pages of the Journal of this Sovereign Grand Lodge. The virtues of the departed are cherished by those who knew them long and well, at home. In setting up here a tablet to their memories, we recall their well-tempered zeal, sound judgment and fraternal affinities Such as these cannot be spared at any time; but more particularly now, do we need the strength of the stalwart and the wisdom of the wise, when so many are laboring diligently, to divert the Order from its simple paths of duty to charity and brotherly affection, into the broad avenues of show and expense. Those well advanced in age, who are passing from the more active scenes of labor in the Order, view, with no little solicitude, the disposition to change the general features of Odd Fellowship into experiments, that are seemingly incompatible with its health and vitality. Of this class, were the four Past Grand Representatives of New York whose demise we announce here to-day. Of Past Grand Masters BARNARD, VAN NORT and WEMMELL, our colleagues of the Grand Lodge have spoken. To Past Grand Master LACY we will now allude.

WILLIAM LACY, Past Grand Representative, was born in Nottingham, England, in 1804. While a boy he came to America and settled in Albany, N. Y., where he remained during the remainder of his life. In 1882 he became paralyzed, from which he never recovered. Although he was not entirely helpless, nor even incapacitated from attending to some part of his business, the disease terminated in his demise on the 16th of November, 1887, in the eighty-third year of his age.

Bro. LACY was a member of the Grand Lodge of New York, about forty years. In 1870 he was elected its Grand Warden; the next year Deputy Grand Master, and in 1872 Grand Master. In 1856 he was admitted to the Grand Encampment of Northern New York. In 1881 he was elected to represent the Grand Encampment of New York in this Grand Body. Owing to the calamity that befell him the next year, shattering his health and intellect, he was unable to take his seat in 1882—serving only one year of his term. For fully half of his long life, he was an active, zealous Odd Fellow. He loved Odd Fellowship for what of good he found in it, and maintained an unbroken membership in it until the end. He died regretting that he had not completed the full term in this Body, for which he was elected.

He was deservedly held in high estimation by his fellow-citizens, and chosen to several important and responsible trusts. Revered for his amiable and dignified demeanor and Christian walk in life; respected for his high integrity as a business man and citizen; honored and beloved as husband, father and friend, he left us a noble example to admire and emulate.

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—In 1850 and 1851 there sat in this Sovereign Grand Body HORACE Y. BEEBE, of Ohio, and the jurisdiction which now honors my Brother WILCOX and myself, by permitting us to be enrolled as his successors, was indeed fortunate eight-and-thirty years ago in having so intelligent, able and faithful a man as HORACE Y. BEEBE as a legislator. Eight-and-thirty years have come and gone since the session when Bro. BEEBE first occupied here a seat. As I have thought of the passing years, memory is busy. I was a lad then at school in my native Ohio, but men of my native village—men whom, when I reached my majority, and was made an Odd Fellow, I knew as Brothers—members of my own Lodge, had in the year prior, 1849, gone out from their homes to this the new land, hid of old in the west—men who sailed the broad Pacific sea, and swept through the Golden Gate into the land-locked bay, and thence up the rivers to the foot-hills of the Yuba, the American and the Feather, but who forgot not the teachings of the Order, or

its great command—"to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan"—men who participated in the first Lodge organizations in this jurisdiction. Turning to our Revised Journal of 1850, and, as an appendix thereto, I have read a letter from a Past Grand of New Jersey, then in California, in which mention is made of the voluntary organization of Odd Fellows at Sacramento; of the establishment by them of an hospital at Sutter's Fort; of their watching with the sick, administering to their wants, and burying the dead That was the first planting of the Brotherhood in this now great Commonwealth—a Brotherhood which now, within the boundaries of California, outnumbers all others, and excels all others in both the ability and willingness to help humanity—and so I not only measure the interval between my Bro. BEEBE's service and my own in this Grand Body by years, but also by the marvelous growth of the Order on this coast. Again, Grand Sire and Brothers, as I carefully, one by one, call out the names of officers and Representatives of the session of 1850, I know that ROBERT H. GRIFFIN was then Grand Sire, and JAMES L. RIDGELY was Grand Secretary, and WILLIAM ELLISON, of Massachusetts, JOHN A. KENNEDY, of New York, FREDERICK D. STUART, of the District of Columbia, and JOHN W. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, were Grand Representatives, and beside them there were seventy-three other Grand Representatives and officers, yet not one of all the seventy-nine is here now, and, so far as I know, all preceded in the journey to the *far-off country* my Brother BEEBE, save only the illustrious STOKES, who followed after BEEBE so closely that only ten days intervened their respective departures, and so again I measure the interval of thirty-eight years.

Grand Sire, in my sadness, I rejoice and am glad, for men appear, and then disappear, but the principles of our Order endure forever; yet all honor to the men of might, who in the earlier years guided our Fraternity. From the day that my Bro. BEEBE crossed the threshold of an Odd Fellows' Lodge, in December, 1845, to the hour of his death, he was worthy the confidence, the love and the high esteem of his Brethren. Advanced rapidly, for he merited it, he entered the Grand Lodge of Ohio and the Grand Encampment of Ohio. He served as Grand Master of Ohio in the years 1870–1. Unlike many who reach high official position, he abated not a whit his interest in the Subordinate Bodies, but in the work of his Subordinate Lodge and Encampment was ever active, attentive and zealous. He was loyal, courageous and self-sacrificing, for the good of the Order. Born in Connecticut, September 14th, 1815, he came to Ohio in his young manhood, bringing with him the sturdy integrity of his New England home; and, in the community in which he lived, was a most useful citizen, honored alike by his fellow-citizens, again and again with official trusts, and also by the President of the United States. He was a man of rare personal worth—of perfect integrity, thoroughly a genuine man—a husband and father loving and beloved—working for and helping always, his fellow-man. He departed January 28th, 1888, in his seventy-second year.

"He was a king,
A true, right king,
Who dared do aught, save wrong."

Rep. BROWN, of Rhode Island, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—As one of the Representatives from the Grand Jurisdiction of Rhode Island, it is devolved upon me to announce the death, and in doing so to say a few words in commendation of our esteemed Brother, WILLIAM S JOHNSON, Past Grand Master, Past Grand Patriarch and Past Grand Representative. Inadequate as I am to eulogize the life, character and services of one of Rhode Island's most noted Odd Fellows, yet the duty falls to my lot, and I should consider myself unworthy to be his successor did I not in some way attempt to fulfill that obligation.

Bro. JOHNSON was born in the village of Centreville, town of Warwick, Kent

county, Rhode Island, September 25th, 1826. He received his education in the public schools of the city of Providence, and was a true Rhode Islander in every sense. Soon after attaining his majority he was admitted as a member of the well-known firm of OLIVER JOHNSON & Co., dealers in drugs, chemicals oils, paints, etc., and he became one of the leading business men of Providence. Bro. JOHNSON was prominent in the Order of Masonry as well as Odd Fellowship, being a member of St. John's Lodge, A. F. and A. M., Providence Royal Arch Chapter and St. John's Commandery, K. T.

WILLIAM S. JOHNSON was made an Odd Fellow in Canonicus Lodge, No. 9, January 18th, 1848, at the age of twenty-one years. He was elected Noble Grand December 28th, 1849, having previously served as Vice Grand and in other positions. From the time of his connection with the Order he immediately became an active, earnest and zealous worker, and was made a Past Grand July, 1850, and was admitted to the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island August 6th, 1850. He was soon recognized in the Order as a leading spirit and worker in the cause of the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth, and for meritorious and faithful work was elected Grand Master August 2d, 1859. Shortly after his connection with Canonicus Lodge he was initiated and exalted a Royal Purple member of Moshassuck Encampment, No. 2, April 21st, 1853, and soon became active and prominent in the Patriarchal Branch of our Order. He was elected to various positions of honor and trust in the Encampment, and July 6th, 1854, he was elected Chief Patriarch, and subsequently admitted to the Grand Encampment February 5th 1855, and was elected Grand Patriarch August 3d, 1857. At the annual session held March 1st, 1876, he was elected Grand Representative, which position he held at the time of his death. For twelve years he ably represented the jurisdiction of Rhode Island, in the highest council of our Order. While attending the sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, he was always to be found at the post of duty, serving on various committees to which he was assigned, with fidelity and faithfulness. For many years he served on the Committee on Appeals of this Grand Lodge, and it is alleged, by many of the influential members of this Body, that he never lost any time while the Sovereign Grand Lodge was in session. He also held, at the time of his death, the position of Colonel on the Staff of Lieut.-General JOHN C. UNDERWOOD. As a mark of respect and esteem in which he was held in the Patriarchs Militant Degree, Grand Canton Johnson was named after him, which was an honor worthily bestowed. In the death of WILLIAM S. JOHNSON, the institution of Odd Fellowship in Rhode Island has sustained a serious loss. He was an Odd Fellow in spirit and in truth; his motto was "What is worth doing at all is worth doing well," and that he fulfilled this motto has been truly exemplified in all his services in connection with the Order.

He was a man of his own convictions, and ever ready to do battle in the cause of truth and justice. Perhaps to some he appeared to have a cold exterior, but he was kind, generous and noble; and he had a good true heart within and stood always ready to assist, believing in that great teaching "Let not your left hand know what your right hand doeth." This most truly applied to Bro. JOHNSON's bestowal of charity and assistance. For more than half his life he devoted his time to the advancement and development for the interest of Odd Fellowship, which in a measure owes its prosperity to the individual efforts of Bro. JOHNSON. For more than thirty years he had been a prominent member of the Church of the Mediator, holding at one time the office of President of the Parish, and member of the Board of Trustees and was Superintendent of the Sabbath School at the time of his death. He was a devout and practical Christian, and an indefatigable worker in the Universalist faith, which he held.

Grand Representative JOHNSON possessed and manifested, in his daily walk and conversation, many of the virtues which constituted a noble character. His manly courage in maintaining his convictions, even against odds, was very prominent. He was punctual and correct in all matters pertaining to business, and in the discharge of the duties incident to the many offices of honor and

trust which he held, he manifested a sterling integrity. He was loyal in his friendships, courteous and kind-hearted, honest and truthful, faithful and just. These virtues well fitted him for the high positions which he held in the Order and out of it, and for which he was so highly appreciated as a friend, a citizen and an Odd Fellow.

The last official act of his life was rendering the Secret Work before my own Encampment (Mazeppa, No. 12). He died at his home, in the city of Providence, surrounded by his family, December 6th, 1887, in the sixty-second year of his age. On the 10th of December, he was interred in our beautiful Swan Point cemetery, in the presence of a large concourse of Brethren, and with the impressive ceremonies of our Ritual. Thus we laid him away, amid the falling snow-flakes, with tears over the earthly remains of WILLIAM S. JOHNSON.

Rep. RANDALL, of California, moved the following, which (the Deputy Grand Sire in the chair) were unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Sovereign Grand Lodge be and are hereby extended to Grand Sire WHITE, for the very able, courteous, conscientious, dignified and determined manner in which he has discharged the duties incident to the office of Grand Sire, for the past two years.

Resolved, That Grand Sire WHITE be requested so sit for his portrait; to be painted in oil colors; to be suitably framed, and placed in the gallery of Past Grand Sires' portraits in the Grand Lodge Hall in Columbus, Ohio.

Resolved, That three hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby appropriated to carry out the above resolution.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure a steel-plate engraving of Past Grand Sire WHITE, and have copies thereof placed in the volume of the Revised Journal containing the proceedings of his term of office, and that one hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to pay for the cost of the same.

Rep. COBB, of Colorado, moved the following, which was laid on the table:

WHEREAS, The Special Committee on Insurance Associations have recommended the appointment of a new committee, to whom this whole subject be referred; and

WHEREAS, The Committee on the State of the Order, concurring therein, have suggested that all parties having plans, or other information relating to insurance, submit the same to that committee for consideration during recess; and

WHEREAS, This Sovereign Grand Lodge has adopted both of said reports, and ordered the appointment of such a committee;

Resolved, That said committee is hereby authorized, upon the request and at the expense of any Insurance Association assuming to do business under the auspices of, or in connection with the Order, to examine and report upon the system, methods and financial condition of any such association; and until such examination is had, and a favorable report thereon shall have been adopted by this Sovereign Grand Lodge, no such association shall be deemed to have the indorsement or approval of the Order.

The Chair announced the following Special Committees:

On Insurance—Reps. HEDGES, of Ohio; STEBBINS, of New York; ORENDORFF, of Illinois; BLANKS, of Virginia; JANES, of Michigan; WRIGHT, of Pennsylvania; GIFFORD, of Massachusetts.

On Public Installation of Encampments.—Reps. PARKER, of New Jersey; HIRST, of Delaware; SEAMON, of West Virginia.

On Revising Ceremony for the Installation of Encampments—Reps. MERRIMAN, of Massachusetts; GLIDDEN of New Hampshire; WOODBURY, of Maine.

On Amending the Constitution.—Reps. CLARK, of Wisconsin; DILKS, of New York; GRANT, of Kentucky; MAGUIRE, of California; CAMPBELL, of Ontario.

Rep. GRANT, of Indiana, moved the following, which was laid on the table:

Resolved, That the accompanying petition of Rep. MILICE, of Indiana, on behalf of P. S. HOFFMAN, Past Grand Representative, of Richmond, Indiana, for the approval of a funeral badge and approval of the one submitted with petition, be granted, and that the Sovereign Grand Lodge recommend the badge submitted as being a beautiful and appropriate badge to be worn upon funeral occasions.

Petition to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for the Approval of a Funeral Badge.

On behalf of P. S. HOFFMAN, Past Grand Representative, of Richmond, Indiana, the undersigned petitions the Sovereign Grand Lodge for the approval of a funeral badge, or rosette, and herewith submits a badge which he respectfully asks the Sovereign Grand Lodge to approve

A. S. MILICE,
Representative of Indiana.

The hour designated for the installation of officers having arrived, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the ceremony.

The Grand Sire presented the bond of the Grand Secretary, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. RANDALL, of California, from the Committee on Finance, reported that the committee had examined the bond of the Grand Secretary, and finding the same ample, moved that the bond be approved, which was agreed to.

The Grand Sire announced the following order of presentation of the Grand Officers-elect for installation:

JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, P. G. Master, of Kentucky, Grand Sire-elect, will be presented by Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, of Pennsylvania, and Bro. FARNSWORTH, P. G. Sire, of California.

CHARLES M. BUSBEE, P. G. Master, of North Carolina, Deputy Grand Sire-elect, will be presented by Reps. EDWARDS, of North Carolina, and HILL, of Virginia.

THEODORE A. ROSS, P. G. Patriarch, of New Jersey, Grand Secretary-elect, will be presented by Reps. ISZARD, of New Jersey, and HIRST, of Delaware.

ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, P. G. Master, of Pennsylvania, Grand Treasurer-elect, will be presented by Reps. WRIGHT, of Pennsylvania, and JEWELL, of New Hampshire.

In accordance with the foregoing directions,

JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, P. G. Master, of Kentucky, Grand Sire-elect, being presented by Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, of Pennsylvania, and Bro. FARNSWORTH, P. G. Sire, of California, at the foot of the Chair, was qualified by the Grand Sire, and seated at the right of the Chair.

CHARLES M. BUSBEE, P. G. Master, of North Carolina, Deputy Grand Sire-elect, was presented by Reps. EDWARDS, of North Carolina, and HILL, of Virginia, was qualified and seated on the right of the Chair.

THEODORE A. ROSS, P. G. Patriarch, of New Jersey, Grand Secretary-elect, was presented by Reps. ISZARD, of New Jersey, and HIRST, of Delaware, was qualified and conducted to his seat.

ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, P. G. Master, of Pennsylvania, Grand Treasurer-elect, was presented by Reps. WRIGHT, of Pennsylvania, and JEWELL, of New Hampshire, was qualified and conducted to his seat.

The Grand Secretary announced the appointment of ALLEN JENCKES, P. G. Patriarch, of Rhode Island, Assistant Grand Secretary, who was presented by the Grand Marshal, qualified and conducted to his seat.

The Grand Sire announced the following appointments, which were unanimously approved:

Rev. J. W. VENABLE, P. G. Rep., of Kentucky, Grand Chaplain.
JOHN H. ALBIN, P. G. Master, of New Hampshire, Grand Marshal.
C. C. PEARCE, P. G. Rep., of Florida, Grand Guardian.
W. H. FRAZIER, P. G. Patriarch, of the District of Columbia, Grand Messenger.

The appointees were presented by the Grand Marshal, qualified and conducted to their seats.

On the conclusion of the ceremony of installation, the retiring Grand Sire, Bro. JOHN H. WHITE, surrendered the gavel to his successor, and addressed the incumbent and the Representatives in a feeling and impressive manner.

The Grand Sire, Bro. JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, on accepting the gavel and taking the chair, addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES, BRETHREN—I thank you most heartily for this continued mark of your favor, and appreciate, to the fullest extent, the honor you have conferred upon me. I accept the office of Grand Sire with the one purpose of administering the duties incident thereto, and now incumbent upon me, honestly and justly, to the utmost extent of my ability, with loyalty to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and sincerity as a true man.

In receiving the gavel from my distinguished predecessor, I desire to state that through an experience of four years as the regular speaker of a legislative body, I have learned that an impartial presiding officer, after having recommended that which he conceives to be right, should become a non-partisan in legislation. Therefore, in the general government of your Body, in deciding points of order and awarding the floor to Past Grand Sires and Grand Representatives, I shall be guided by the rules of the Body, parliamentary law, precedents and prompt recognition; leaning, if at all, to those new in legislative halls, and consequently unacquainted with the floor manœuvres of accomplished parliamentarians.

A man cannot successfully serve too many masters, and in acknowledgment of the truth of the assertion, I wish to say that while I am a Free Mason, yet am I still more an Odd Fellow; that while I have joined other secret societies, Odd Fellowship has ever received my first support; in fact, if I am anything, I am an Odd Fellow of America's "Independent" school; and do thus publicly promise the Fraternity, through weal or woe, for the period of my incumbency, to exercise in its behalf whatever capacity and prowess for good I may possess.

The energies with which I am endowed are yours to command, such talents as I have shall be used in the furtherance of every branch of the Order—Subordinate, Patriarchal and Militant—activity will be my watch-word, and the advancement of the Order and elevation of its members shall be my motto.

Promises, alone, are empty; therefore, I will endeavor, by deeds, to make mine come true.

Again, my Brethren, my friends, in gratitude for your enthusiastic indorsement, and with the consciousness of ever entertaining toward you my feelings of this hour, I once more sincerely thank you.

Rep. BLANKS, of Virginia, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Past Grand Sire JOHN H. WHITE, and Grand Sire JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, be and they are hereby requested to furnish the Grand Secretary with a copy of their remarks on retiring from and entering upon the duties of Grand Sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., for publication in the Revised Journal.

[In reply to the request of the Grand Secretary for a copy of his address, Bro. WHITE, Past Grand Sire, advised that he was too ill to furnish the matter, and requested this statement entered on the Journal.]

The Chair announced the following:

Committee on Printing Supplies—Reps. JONES, of Maryland; DILKS, of New York; WILCOX, of Ohio; Grand Secretary Ross; Grand Treasurer SHEPPARD.

Sub-Committee on Finance—Reps. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania; BLANKS, of Virginia.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved the following, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That for and during the term of office of the present Grand Sire, he, as Lieutenant-General and Active Commander of the Patriarchs Militant, is hereby qualified to hold both of said offices, and in a military sense, shall be recognized as Generalissimo of the Army.

Resolved, That all laws inconsistent with the above be suspended in their operation for the space of two years.

Rep. HILL, of Virginia, moved the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a Special Committee of seven be appointed to prepare resolutions expressing the appreciation of this Body for the magnificent receptions accorded to the officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge on their journey to, and during their sojourn in, the beautiful city of Los Angeles.

The Chair named as the Committee:

Reps. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, (Deputy Grand Sire); HILL, of Virginia; ORENDORFF, of Illinois; REDHEFFER, of Missouri; CAMPBELL, of Ontario; MORRIS, of Kentucky; HEDGES, of Ohio.

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, from the Special Committee on Thanks, made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Special Committee appointed to draft resolutions of thanks, expressing the appreciation of this Body for the magnificent reception accorded to the officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge on their journey to and during their sojourn in this beautiful "City of the Angels," respectfully recommend the adoption of the following:

We were greeted at Chicago by the whole-souled, big-hearted Odd Fellows of that marvelous city by the lake. We were the recipients of favors unnumbered at the twin cities of the Kaw—Kansas City, Missouri, and Kansas City, Kansas. Topeka and Wichita, each, as a bride, adorned herself for our coming, and gracefully, graciously, grandly entertained us. All Kansas—young but of giant growth and generous as a mother, from our first entrance within her borders until we passed beyond her western limits—showered upon us kindnesses and blessings. Colorado, radiant gem of our constellation, hailed us as we traveled on, with the greetings of Brothers beloved. New Mexican hospitality was all unselfish, large as her area and pure as the air on her mountain heights. Her Cities of the Meadows, of Holy Faith and the White Church filled our every want, and, like the Mission Fathers of old, invoked blessing on blessing upon us. Then Arizona, though arid and dry for the most part, gave us joy in her sky of silver and her sunset of gold. Journeying on, we reach the land

"Where everlasting spring abides,
And never-with'ring flowers."

And at Barstow, San Bernardino, and continuously on to Los Angeles, we were adorned with flowers and regaled with fruits, and everywhere joyously greeted and gladly welcomed.

All the people of this beautiful city, by their duly constituted authorities and in their private capacities, have honored our coming and made our sojourn a perpetual delight. The General Executive Committee of the I. O. O. F. of Los Angeles were untiring in their efforts for us, and the Brotherhood at large, in all Southern California, by their many acts of courtesy and kindness, won our every heart. The Daughters of Rebekah excelled in graceful attention to the ladies accompanying the Grand Officers and Representatives. The management of the several rail and motor lines of communication deserve our hearty thanks for the generosity and kindly treatment, by which our ladies were permitted to visit Santa Monica by the Sea, as, also, the crown of the beautiful Valley of San Gabriel. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company, by its liberality, special attention and courtesy all along our journey, and particularly by its marked attention at Las Vegas, has disproved the old saying that corporations are soulless. This company, and that prince of good fellows, the ever-watchful and attentive and courteous Major POND, who so safely managed our whole journey from Kansas City to Los Angeles, we shall ever remember with gratitude.

The city and county of San Diego, by their kind invitation and kindly welcome, deserve our thanks; and in consideration of all, be it

Resolved, That the heartfelt thanks of the Sovereign Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the Odd Fellows and citizens of Chicago, Kansas City, Topeka, Wichita, Las Vegas, Santa Fe, Barstow, San Bernardino and Los Angeles; to the General Executive Committee of the I. O. O. F. of Los Angeles; to the ladies, our beloved Sisters, Daughters of Rebekah, in Los Angeles; to the several rail and motor railways of said city; to the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company; to our Brother, Major POND; to His Excellency the Governor of California, His Honor the Mayor of Los Angeles; to the Grand Master of California, Bro. R. H. LLOYD, for their greetings of welcome; to the city of San Diego and to the Brotherhood at large, in all Southern California, and to all the people thereof, for all were exceedingly kind and courteous.

Resolved, That our special thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the Turn-Verein Society of Los Angeles, for the use of their hall, in which the session of this Grand Body has been held, and the Grand Secretary is hereby directed to transmit to said society a complete set of the Revised Journals, suitably bound.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the several parties above named.

HENRY C. HEDGES, of Ohio. ANDREW REDHEFFER, of Missouri.
WM. W. MORRIS, of Kentucky. ALFRED ORENDORFF, of Illinois
CL. T. CAMPBELL, of Ontario. CHAS. M. BUSBEE, of North Carolina.
A. L. HILL, of Virginia.

Rep. ORENDORFF, of Illinois (at 6 P. M.), moved that the Grand Lodge do now adjourn *sine die,* which was agreed to.

The Lodge being called up, the Representatives united in singing "Old Hundred," and the Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, addressed the Throne of Grace as follows:

O Almighty and eternal God, Who rulest in Heaven above, and in the earth beneath, we beseech Thee to accept our hearty thanks for all Thy mercies, and especially for the enjoyment of the past week. We thank Thee for the pleasures of fraternal intercourse, for the harmony and efficiency of our legislative

work, for the loving hospitality of our Brethren in this glorious land. May this session, now closing, always be held in bright and grateful remembrance. Bless the Brethren of this great jurisdiction, and prosper them in every good word and work. Extend our beloved Order among the nations of the earth, until all men are bound together by its triple cord of Friendship, Love and Truth. Watch over and defend us from all the perils and dangers of travel, and guide us safely to our homes again. Make us diligent in the duties of our several stations in life, so that when called to depart hence, we may receive the reward Thou hast prepared for all faithful soldiers and servants.

"Our Father Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen."

The Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the Grand Sire, proclaimed the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

Theo. A. Roff

Grand Secretary.

PAST GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT DURING THE SESSION.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby requested to record in the Journal of each session the names of Past Grand Representatives who may be present (and report to said officer), and that a copy of the Revised Journal be mailed to each Past Grand Representative whose name may appear therein.—*Journal, 1870, page 4861.*

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
1. L. L. ALEXANDER	Oakland, California.
2. CHARLES O. BURTON	San Francisco, California.
3. W. T. GALLOWAY	San Francisco, California.
4. J. H. HICKOX	Oakland, California.
5. WILLIAM H. HILL (Nevada)	Vacaville, California.
6. WILLIAM M. HOLLAND (Nevada)	Los Angeles, California.
7. A. S. IREDALE	San Francisco, California.
8. JOHN S. KANEEN (Nevada)	Santa Rosa, California.
9. W. B. LYON	San Francisco, California.
10. A. D. MEACHAM	King City, California.
11. E. L. STERN (Nevada)	Los Angeles, California.
12. A. J. WOODBURY	Denver, Colorado.
13. SILAS E. BLAUVELT	Sioux Falls, Dakota.
14. FRANK S. EMERSON	Sioux Falls, Dakota.
15. C. C. PEARCE	Tallahassee, Florida.
16. WILLIAM A. SHANNON (Kansas)	Atlanta, Georgia.
17. A. W. BERGGREN	Galesburg, Illinois.
18. WILLIAM F. SLATER (Ohio)	Chicago, Illinois.
19. JOHN W. MCQUIDDY	Indianapolis, Indiana.
20. J. NORWOOD CLARK	Iowa City, Iowa.
21. SAMUEL F. BURDETT	Leavenworth, Kansas.
22. JAMES GEARY	Newton, Kansas.
23. CHARLES H. KREBS	Atchison, Kansas.
24. WILLIAM J. DE GRESS (Chile)	City of Mexico, Mexico.
25. E. M. SLOAN	St. Louis, Missouri.
26. W. H. WOODWARD	St. Louis, Missouri.

APPENDIX.

THE JOURNEY TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

THE WELCOME OF THE BRETHREN OF CHICAGO, TOPEKA, WICHITA, LAS VEGAS, SANTA FE AND BARSTOW.

THE GRAND ENTERTAINMENT BY THE SANTA FE RAILWAY CO., AT LAS VEGAS, HOT SPRINGS.

THE RECEPTION AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC, LOS ANGELES, MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 17TH. ADDRESSES BY BRO. J. R. DUPUY, CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE OF RECEPTION; HON. STEPHEN M. WHITE, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA; HON. W. H. WORKMAN, MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES; BRO. REUBEN H. LLOYD, GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA; RESPONSE BY BRO. JOHN H. WHITE, GRAND SIRE OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, THE GRAND PARADE BY CANTONS OF PATRIARCHS MILITANT, SUBORDINATE LODGES, SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS AND THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

TUESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 18TH, REUNION OF PAST GRAND REPRESENTATIVES, AT ARMORY HALL.

GRAND BALL AND SUNDRY EXCURSIONS AND ENTERTAINMENTS DURING THE WEEK.

THE JOURNEY TO LOS ANGELES.

A large number of the officers and Representatives residing in the eastern and northeastern sections of the country, arrived in Chicago on Saturday, September 8th, and in the evening an informal reception by the Odd Fellows of the city was tendered to the Grand Sire and other officers and members in the parlors of the Grand Pacific Hotel, where addresses were made by Bro. W. H. CROCKER, Past Grand Representative, of Illinois, Grand Sire WHITE and others.

On Sunday, the 9th, the officers, members and friends departed for Kansas City, where, on Monday, 10th, they met their Brethren from the South and

Southwest, and the long train of thirty Pullman cars, in three sections, was soon in motion for Los Angeles.

Arriving at Topeka about 6 P M., the visitors were escorted to carriages and conveyed to Metropolitan Hall, where an elegant entertainment was provided by the members of the I. O. O. F. and ladies of Topeka. From thence the ladies and gentlemen were escorted to the Opera House to receive a cordial Kansas welcome from Hon. JOHN A. MARTIN, Governor of Kansas, and Hon. D. C. METSKER, Mayor of Topeka. The addresses were responded to by the Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire, and after remarks by others, the entertainment closed and the travelers resumed their places in the cars.

Wichita was reached about 7 A. M. on the 11th, and the Brethren in waiting at the depot promptly escorted their guests to the several hotels, where a hearty breakfast was soon despatched, and then carriages were provided to give each and all a good view of the enterprising city and its beautiful surroundings. After dinner the Brethren of Wichita loaded the cars with fruit, the farewells were spoken and the long journey was resumed.

About 2 P. M. Wednesday, 12th, the first section of the train arrived at Las Vegas, New Mexico, the land of the Montezumas, where our Brethren of the city were found at the station and extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, proffering carriages for a drive through their beautiful and interesting city. The kindness was appreciated and availed of by many of the party, while others continued on in their cars to the Hot Springs, a distance of six miles from Las Vegas.

At this beautiful and attractive watering place, a splendid reception was given by the Sante Fe Railroad Co., in their magnificent hotel, the exercises comprising a sumptuous banquet supplemented with a grand ball, thus constituting a truly royal entertainment, which was highly enjoyed by all the participants. The long train was here increased by a section from Colorado, containing the Representatives and Cantons of Patriarchs Militant of the State.

Sante Fe, New Mexico, was reached about 7 A. M. Thursday, 13th, where an enjoyable breakfast was partaken of. The hours until 3 P. M. were devoted to sight-seeing in this ancient town, full of relics of a past age, and now giving great promise of progress and a brilliant future. About 8 A. M., Saturday, 15th, the train arrived at Barstow, California, and the several cars were furnished with choice fruit of all kinds, in great abundance, through the kindness of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside Odd Fellows and citizens, who had sent committees with cars loaded with the productions of the wonderful soil of the beautiful valleys of Southern California.

At 6 P. M., the spires of Los Angeles were observed, and soon thereafter the four sections landed their passengers at the railroad depot, where the visitors were received by Canton Orion, No. 12, Patriarchs Militant, of Los Angles, and escorted to their hotels.

Sunday, September 16th, the Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, preached a sermon at St. Paul's Episcopal Church to a large audience, which the press of Los Angeles pronounced "One of the most finished, eloquent and scholarly efforts ever heard in this city."

The following programme for the week was announced:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge will convene in regular session at Turn-Verein Hall, on Spring street, between Second and Third, at 9 o'clock A. M.

5 P. M.—Dress Parade, First Regiment P. M. of the Grand Department of the Pacific.

Reception of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. At 7:30 P. M., the Patriarchs Militant, under command of General E. K. RUSSELL, will assemble at headquarters, the Westminster Hotel, corner Fourth and Main streets, for the purpose of escorting the Sovereign Grand Lodge to the Academy of Music, corner Fifth and Olive streets, where the Sovereign Grand Lodge will be received. The exercises will begin at 8 o'clock P. M.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH.

Grand Parade at 2 o'clock P. M., of Cantons, Encampments, Subordinate and Rebekah Degree Lodges.

5 P. M.—Dress Parade, Second Regiment P. M. of the Grand Department of the Pacific, at Armory Hall.

8 P. M.—Annual Reunion of the Past Grand Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at Armory Hall, Main street, between First and Second.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH.

Excursion to Pasadena.

Cars will leave the Santa Fe depot, foot of First street, at 8:30 A. M., arriving at Pasadena at 9 A. M., where they will be met by Brethren and citizens, who will extend to them a cordial welcome for the day.

8 P. M.—Grand Competitive Drills at Armory Hall.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH.

Excursion to Pacific ocean (Santa Monica), eighteen miles distant. Cars leave depot, corner Commercial and Alameda streets, at 9:30 A. M.; returning, leave Santa Monica at 3:30 P. M. Ample bathing and hotel accommodations.

Excursion to Monrovia and vicinity, sixteen miles distant, over the Rapid Transit railroad. This railroad has kindly extended free transportation to our guests. Vehicles No. 7, Arcadia street, at 10 A. M., for depot. The line of this road extends through the very choicest portion of the San Gabriel valley. For miles it is lined on either side by beautiful orchards and vineyards, and magnificent views may be obtained from almost any portion of its line. Among the noted and interesting places on the road, may be mentioned Alhambra, San Marino, Sunny Slope, Baldwin's, and last, but not least, Monrovia. After a pleasant drive over a beautiful country, returning, will leave Monrovia at 4:20 P. M., reaching Los Angeles at 5:20 P. M. The Brethren and citizens of Monrovia and Duarte will hospitably entertain the visitors.

5 P. M.—Brigade Dress Parade of Patriarchs Militant.

7:30 P. M.—Distribution of prizes at Armory Hall.

8 P. M.—Conferring Grand Decoration of Chivalry at Armory Hall, by Deputy Grand Sire JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, Lieut.-General commanding Patriarchs Militant.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST.

Excursion by rail to Santa Ana and its beautiful surroundings, Tustin and Orange (thirty miles distant). Train leaves Sante Fe depot, foot of First street, at 9 A. M.; returning, leaves Santa Ana at 4 P. M. Brethren and citizens will take care of visitors.

8 P. M.—Ball in honor of visiting Odd Fellows, at Armory Hall.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22D.

Excursion to San Diego and Coronado. Cars leave Santa Fe depot, foot of First street, at 2 P. M., arriving at San Diego about 7 o'clock, where the Brethren and citizens will warmly welcome the visitors, and show them that beautiful city and its attractive surroundings.

THE RECEPTION.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

Music by the band.
Opening ode of the Order by the members.
Prayer by Rev. J. W. VENABLE, Grand Chaplain of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.
Introductory remarks by J. R. DUPUY, Chairman of the Committee of Reception.
Address of welcome, on behalf of the State, by Hon. STEPHEN M. WHITE, Lieutenant-Governor of California.
Address of welcome, on behalf of Los Angeles, by Hon. W. H. WORKMAN, Mayor.
Address of welcome, on behalf of the Odd Fellows of the State, by Hon. R. H. LLOYD, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California.
Music by the band.
Response by Hon. JOHN H. WHITE, Grand Sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.
After the reception, the Grand Decoration of Chivalry will be conferred by Lieutenant-General UNDERWOOD, Deputy Grand Sire, on all members of the Order who hold "Letters Patent."

The reception to the officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in the Academy of Music, was a brilliant affair, and was largely attended. Long before the Odd Fellows had arrived in the hall almost every seat was occupied.

The evening's entertainment was begun by the audience rising and singing the opening ode of the Order.

Prayer was then offered by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, Grand Chaplain of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which was followed by an air by the band, and then came a few introductory remarks by J. R. DUPUY, Chairman of the Reception Committee. He said:

GRAND SIRE—A little less than a year ago we had you among us, only accompanied by a few friends. Now you are here, surrounded, so to speak, by a guard of honor. We desire to extend to you, Grand Sire, the hospitality of Los Angeles. I have the pleasure, Grand Sire, to introduce to you Hon. STEPHEN M. WHITE, Lieutenant-Governor of California.

THE ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY HON. STEPHEN M. WHITE.

GRAND SIRE, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE WORLD, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—To welcome our friends, is at all times, a source of gratification. Within the domestic portal the host deems his trouble amply rewarded, if he knows that his guest is contented and satisfied. When distinguished strangers visit us, we do not hesitate to receive them with becoming cordiality and appreciative demonstration.

But when a powerful social organization, containing a membership drawn from the best elements of the land, selects our domicile as its place of convocation, and carries the discrimination in our favor so far as to send this large, able and representative body here, regardless of distance and indifferent to a toilsome journey, we can but emphasize our accustomed expressions of hospitality, and assure you that California welcomes you to her shores.

This greeting is not a mere formality; it is honest, it is sincere, and comes from a people anxious to please, and satisfied when their efforts are appreciated. Some may be oblivious of the opinions of their fellows, but in the hearts of such men kindly emotions find no lodgment. The world would be indeed uninviting, if affectionate feeling existed only in imagination, was, in fact, but the empty delusion of a dream. No people, certainly none who depend for success upon self-reliance, can long endure, if friendly intercourse is not generally maintained. It is by means of such contact as your presence produces, that fraternity is extended, and that we learn to understand each other. Communications, however remote, are good, and may be ample to build up commercial relations and to beget the formalities of polite intercourse; but the closer ties are not moulded on scientific principles, but are among the consequences of nearer converse and intimacy.

Most of you are residents of the United States, yet may, perhaps, have heretofore had but a meager notion of California and her people. If no other result follows your advent, that which will eventuate from a more thorough understanding of our surroundings, cannot but be mutually beneficial. It is better that we should become familiar, that our labors should be less divergent, and our energies concentrated more directly in the effort to live justly and wisely. The interchange of thoughts and experiences by persons abiding in different climes and living under variant conditions, must lead to the improvement and promote the advancement of both; and hence we welcome you, not only as friends, but as a body from whose presence we will derive instruction as well as enjoyment.

But I am not here to make a speech. In fact, my duty has already been done. In the absence of a more proper person, I am asked to extend California's greeting. In her name, therefore, and speaking for her citizens, let me assure you that she fully comprehends the honor you have done her. While she will blushingly smile in grateful recognition of whatever good you may elect to speak of her, she will not forget to tender to you the freedom of her possessions.

Her brown hills, presenting little of the loveliness of her flowery springtime, may not now attract; but her orchards, laden with luscious fruits, her fragrant orange groves, her fields but lately subjected to the harvest, her vines teeming with their juicy product, her beautiful lakes sequestered in the Sierra's fastness, her mountain streams tenanted by the epicure's finny favorites—these are all yours to enjoy. For your diversion, she points to her ocean-skirted shore, to San Diego's Coronado, to Monterey's Del Monte, to Santa Barbara, to Santa Monica. She asks you to look upon her great commercial center, the city of San Francisco, to contemplate her peerless harbor and the lovely region bordering upon it. Yosemite, its valley, its falls, its mountains are yours to behold. Nor will you omit to view her mighty forest trees, the greatest of the earth, the witness-posts of ages set in place for the protection and delight of man.

To all these you are invited, that you may gather such information and partake of such amusement as the occasion offers, and that you may know, too, why it was those who came here in the days of '49, intending to acquire a fortune and return to their homes, yielded to the importunities of the virgin land, and, wooed from the surroundings of their childhood, established a new American commonwealth.

Nor is this the only welcome. We cannot proffer you sublimer things than those which I have recounted, and which have been showered upon us by a munificent creative hand, but we can and do offer you that without which your

attendance would be barren of nobler sentiment—we tender you the hospitality of our hearthstones. To request a Californian to do you a favor, will be to compliment him. Proud of her history, ambitious to ascend giddy heights in the contest for pre-eminent statehood, California will feel content only when you have partaken to the fullness of your hearts' desires at her festal board, and have willingly lingered, without unrest, amid the attractions which she has placed at your disposal.

ADDRESS OF MAYOR WORKMAN.

The Mayor was introduced and said:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE—The city of Los Angeles feels honored by and proud of the high distinction given it by the holding of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the United States in its midst, and as Mayor of the city, I wish to extend to you the hand of hospitality and good fellowship, and to express publicly our appreciation of the great honor shown by your Body.

As Mayor, I feel it a most pleasant duty to extend to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as its guests, a hearty and cordial welcome to our city, and to each one of you, personally, the hope that the manner in which we are trying to take care of you, will leave in your minds a kindly remembrance of a city so remote from the homes of many of you. Again, I bid you welcome, and trust that your stay will be a pleasant one.

ADDRESS OF REUBEN H. LLOYD, GRAND MASTER.

Grand Master REUBEN H. LLOYD, of the Grand Lodge of California, after being introduced, spoke as follows:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE—Eighteen years have passed away since the Grand Lodge visited these shores. During that time, while some have been taken away, the only visible sign to be seen in others was a little whitening of their hair. The changes in our Order have been just as marked. When you were with us before, we had 161 Lodges and 12,000 members; now we have 322 Lodges and over 26,000 members. Of worldly goods then we had but $600,000, now we have over $2,000 000, having more than tripled. And yet, we have expended in round numbers, for relief and charity, $3,000,000. The Order, I believe, throughout the United States has not quite doubled in that time, while in California it has more than doubled. You have State jurisdictions of from 50,000 to 80,000 members. Still there are more Odd Fellows in California in proportion to population than anywhere in the United States. Taking the number of voters, we have one in every seven, and taking the general population, we have one in every thirty-five.

We stand number one in two other respects. The highest average expenditure per member for relief is, I believe, in Pennsylvania, where it reaches $5 per head, while ours amounts to nearly $9; and we have paid more money for relief of widows and their families, than any other State in the Union. In every town of any size in our over 160,000 square miles of territory, there is an Odd Fellows' Lodge, generally owning its own hall. And you will find it to be the little Mecca to which the sick, the weary and distressed turn for relief, and never turn in vain.

I do not call attention to these facts for the purpose of drawing any invidious distinctions between this and any other jurisdiction, but only, Grand Sire, to show you and your associates that we, on this far-off shore, have been faithful and zealous in spreading and practicing the principles of Odd Fellowship.

When you were with us before, the place where we now are was not much more than a Mexican town. From the neighboring heights, the view presented a conglomeration of flat-roofed adobe structures, surrounded by vines and

orange groves, with a few brick and wooden houses, indicating the coming of that American energy and civilization which have since supplanted the groves of vines and oranges with streets of handsome brick buildings, and 50,000 active and intelligent people, who have made this the metropolis of Southern California, the wonderful productiveness of whose surrounding country has familiarized the name of Los Angeles all over the Union.

Since your former coming we have had with us many national organizations. The echo of the ringing shout of welcome which greeted the remnant of that grand army which preserved our Republic, has hardly died out of our hills. Our hands are still warm from the friendly grasp we gave to the teachers in our common schools, the instructors of those who, in the next quarter of a century, will guide the destinies and control the government of our broad land The one body secured to us, intact, the grandest Republic on earth; the other has committed to its charge one of the greatest responsibilities which can be entrusted to human keeping, for the common schools are the nurseries of American liberty and progress. The preservation of our institutions, the successful demonstration of the proposition that man is fit to control and govern himself, the advancement of civilization and human thought, depend upon the proper development and cultivation of the intellects of those who are growing up around us, and will soon take our places. They are to teach them how to use that wonderful machine, the human brain; to train them how to think for themselves, give them the capacity to ascertain the truth or falsity of every essential fact offered to influence their actions. I take it, Grand Sire, that the greatest stumbling block to human progress, is to have any number of people who allow others to fashion their thoughts or sentiments for them, or, in other words, do their thinking.

I hope and pray the time is not far distant, when every man and woman in this vast Republic will have their minds so cultivated, that without the aid of sectarian or politician, he and she can, from their own investigations and reflections, come to a correct conclusion as to the duties which they owe to their God, their country and their fellow-men.

I am glad to say we are making rapid progress to that happy state, and the nearer we come to it, the more flourishing will our Order be, and the more firmly will our glorious Union be bound together. There is no thinking and reflecting man who will not come to the conclusion, that where every one practices the Golden Rule, recognizing that the rights of others are as sacred as his own; where each one seeks to improve and elevate the character of his fellow-man; to imbue him with proper conceptions of his capabilities for good; to enlighten his mind; to enlarge the sphere of his affection; teach him to be social and humane; in a word, to lead him to the cultivation of the true fraternal relations, designed by the great Author of his being—in such a place, you will find a true and happy community, a real republic In it, every man, in his principles and practices, will be essentially an Odd Fellow, though he may not have been initiated in a Lodge

These are the principles which we represent; they are the mortar and cement which bind the social fabric together; without them, though the valor of our soldiers may give us freedom's land, and common schools may give us intelligent people, our country cannot permanently prosper. God speed the day, therefore, when these principles shall be universally recognized and practiced.

To you, Grand Sire, and your associates, the supreme head of the vast body of men and women who are preaching and practicing these principles; in the name of every man and woman who is in favor of the progress of liberty, intelligence and human happiness; in the name of the host of Odd Fellows on this coast, I bid you welcome to our hearts and homes.

RESPONSE OF THE GRAND SIRE.

Hon. JOHN H. WHITE, Grand Sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, then responded to the welcome extended, as follows:

MR. CHAIRMAN, GOVERNOR, MAYOR, GRAND MASTER, BRETHREN AND CITIZENS OF CALIFORNIA—During my term of office as Grand Sire, I have never been called on to respond to three or four speeches at once, and I doubt if I possess the capability to do so. I have been impressed during my visit to California, not only with the features of your State, the prosperity of your people and the splendor of your fruit, but with the large heartedness of the people that I have found here. There is no reason, though, why you should not be large hearted, for you are composed of the best and most energetic classes of the civilized nations of the world In 1869 I crossed this continent with the Sovereign Grand Lodge, then called the Grand Lodge of the United States. We came as the pioneer organization to cross this great American continent. There are no lazy men in our midst. We are composed of the very bone and sinew of the land which we inherit, and that we may call the whole world, for we are found everywhere. The men that compose the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, are the business men of the country, for among us you find no aristocrats, and but mighty few millionaires. As I said, we crossed this continent, and we were met at Omaha by a committee of Odd Fellows who came on a special train, at their own expense, one of the noblest acts that I think any Order ever did. My second trip was, when, in company with General UNDERWOOD, I visited this beautiful city of Los Angeles, and found a country worthy for occupation by the gods. I have spoken of the way California is made up—of people from almost every clime—and we who have crossed the continent have, in nearly every instance, found in this city, people who have come from the surroundings of our Eastern homes. I cannot but feel that I owe a debt of gratitude for the magnificent way in which you have treated not only myself, but every member of the Order of Odd Fellows There are doubtless a good many here who do not belong to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and I should like to say to you a few words as to the magnitude and importance of that Order. You may not know there are more Odd Fellows in the world than any other organization; even the Masonic Order numbers 100,000 less than that of our ranks. The Order numbers in the United States and Canada, over 550,000 men, and they are all grown men and citizens of the several States and countries in which they reside. Just think for a moment, what a power these 550,000 men must wield in this country of ours, for allowing the usual average of five to a man, we have about two and one-half millions of persons associated with the organization. Then we have 50,000 of Eve's fairest daughters in our Order of Rebekah, and though it is what we call a side degree, it possesses a great importance. I will not detain you longer. I will say that the Sovereign Grand Lodge, now in yonr midst, is a thoroughly representative gathering, and you can see that they must be men of some prominence and standing in the nation. If you go on and increase in prosperity in the future, as in the past, you will be able to say that you not only outnumber any other jurisdiction, but that you double them. The Order of Odd Fellows was never more prosperous than it is at present, for last year we showed a net increase of 25,000 men. In conclusion, I will say, that we appreciate the generous manner in which you have taken us in your midst, and to assure you that when we go forth, it will be with regrets that we could not longer tarry with you.

On the conclusion of the address, the various Cantons present marched in the center of the hall, under the direction of the P. M. Officers, and went through a number of difficult evolutions. The audience gave them generous applause, and appeared greatly pleased. Four ladies were then escorted before the officers of the Patriarchs Militant, and had conferred on them the Decoration of Chivalry, and thirty-one officers of the organization received the Grand Decoration of Chivalry.

THE GRAND PARADE.

At 2 P. M, on Tuesday, 18th, in accordance with orders to that effect, the several bodies assembled at the places designated, to participate in a grand demonstration in honor of the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in Los Angeles. The following is condensed from an article in "The Times," September 19th:

IN LINE.

GRAND PARADE OF THE ODD FELLOWS YESTERDAY.

A COLUMN THAT WAS TWO MILES IN LENGTH AND CONTAINED FIVE THOUSAND PEOPLE.

TREMENDOUS RUSH OF VISITORS—THE STREETS JAMMED WITH SPECTATORS ALONG THE ENTIRE LINE OF MARCH.

The grandest demonstration that Los Angeles has ever seen, took place yesterday in the parade in honor of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., now in session. It is probably a temperate estimate to say that there were 60,000 people in the streets of Los Angeles during the afternoon. The Odd Fellows of Southern California turned out very largely, joining with the delegations from abroad, to do honor to the occasion. The parading column, which was two miles long, embraced not less than 5,000 people, and was such a splendid pageant that those who saw it will remember it their lifetime.

Yesterday forenoon, the roads leading into Los Angeles were covered with travelers pouring into the city, and every local train that arrived was jammed to the doors In city homes all was hurry and bustle. The women donned their best bonnets and the children had their faces scrubbed, and decked in their Sunday best were led down the streets to see the great parade. The men who were not Odd Fellows took a day off, and business was almost suspended throughout the day.

About 1 P M., the main streets became uncomfortably crowded, and ladies began to take positions on the doorsteps, to wait with more or less patience, for the parade to pass some two hours thereafter. The gaily decorated buildings had already the windows filled with fortunate ones, who looked with great complacency on the ever-shifting crowds below.

The arches across the streets had been improved and completed with palms and streamers, and many new decorations had been placed upon the stores.

In the handsomely decorated Odd Fellows' Hall, the ladies of the Rebekah Lodge were drinking coffee and eating cake, under festoons of flowers, before going out in their carriages to ride in the parade. In Armory Hall the sterner sex had no coffee or cake, but the soldiers of the National Guard stood in ranks, with fixed bayonets, and between these columns were formed long lines of the visiting Lodges in full regalia, waiting for the word to march from the hall and take their place, in the formation of the parade.

The camp on Seventh street, seemed like a brilliant kaleidoscope, as the people and red plumes of the Chevaliers, the glittering epaulettes and flashing swords of the officers, the waving of the purple and scarlet banners, the polished instruments of their bands, came alternately into view.

From the St. Elmo north to Temple street, Main street was nearly filled with half a hundred open carriages destined to convey the officers and Representatives of the different States. Each carriage bore a neat placard with the name of the State or Territory for which it was reserved, a most commendable arrangement, which prevented much confusion, besides giving the members of our cosmopolitan crowd a chance to identify the Representatives of their several States.

In the reception-room, in Baker Block, a crowd of delegates swarmed, busy as bees, looking after this and that detail for the day. Two delegates were selling, at a little table, handsome gilt badges and silk ribbons, to be kept for souvenirs of the occasion. In the rear, Canton No. 1, of Sacramento, displayed a very nice assortment of "Fruits of Northern California," consisting chiefly of grapes and peaches, which would do very well at any of our fairs.

Bands all mingled, to and fro, before the dazzled eyes of the great crowd who, on foot and in carriages, blocked the streets adjacent. When at last the Cantons fell into line, and headed by their respective bands, marched gaily down the street, the crowd followed at their heels.

In the vicinity of the Westminster, the horse cars stood by the dozens in the impassable streets. On Fourth, east of Main, a score of police wheeled into position, and, with a mounted contingent, waited motionless for the commands of Sergt. DAVIS, in charge of the squad. Under the shade of Banker HELLMAN'S trees, Major BONEBRAKE, with his sash of scarlet silk about him, sat and received the reports of his orderlies on the formation of the line. Down Main and up Fifth, the Chevaliers stood at rest in the shade, and up Fourth and along Spring stretched the long lines of the Lodges. From Fourth down Spring to the Nadeau stretched the long lines of the lettered carriages, filled with the Grand Officers and Representatives.

Bands of music forced their way to the place of rendezvous, and 'busses filled with soldiers, passed through the jam of carriages. The crowd was clean, bright and good-natured, and stood patiently waiting, or slowly ebbed to and fro. At last the Seventh Regiment, under Col. RUSSELL, preceded by Gen. BOYCE and staff, went marching down Main street and wheeled into position before the Westminster. Soon after, the word of command passed along the line, the mounted police rode ahead to clear the streets, and the parade started at 2:50 P. M.

FIRST DIVISION.

Police and Military Escort and Patriarchs Militant.

The first division was formed as follows:

A squad of police, 9 on horse and 18 on foot, under command of Sergt. DAVIS. Brig.-Gen. BOYCE and mounted Staff. Col. W. H. H. RUSSELL and Staff. City Guard Band, of San Diego, 24 pieces. Seventh Regiment, N. G. C., seven companies of the National Guard in line, averaging 40 men each. Meines' Band of 20 pieces. Turm of horse, 10 Chevaliers mounted, bearing pennants, as guard of honor to Lieutenant-General and Staff. Lieut.-Gen. JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, Commander, Covington, Ky., and mounted Staff. Pasadena Band. Brig.-Gen. E. K. RUSSELL and Staff. Canton San Bernardino, No. 17, Capt. I. BENJAMIN, commanding; Grand Canton San Francisco, No. 2; Component No. 5, Capt. W. S. PATTER, commanding; Component No. 19, Capt. W. L. HODGKINS, commanding; Canton Oakland, No. 11, Capt. L. L. BROMWELL, commanding; Canton Orion, No. 12, Capt. W. P. SCHLOSSER, Los Angeles, commanding; Canton San Diego; Orange City Band; Grand Canton Sacramento, Component No. 1, Capt. W. H. SHERBURN, commanding; Component No. 18, Capt. CHARLES T. NOYES, commanding; Canton Sherman; Canton Red Bluff, No. 3, Capt. C. H. MARTIN, commanding; I. O. O. F. Drum Corps of Colorado; Canton Marion, Indiana; Canton Colorado.

SECOND DIVISION.

Subordinate Lodges, Rebekahs and Veterans.

The second division was not very gaudy, but it was composed of solid men from all over the Union. This division began to form on Fourth street, west of Main, at 1 o'clock, but did not get under way until twelve minutes of 3, when Grand Marshal BONEBRAKE wheeled his division into line. It took over forty minutes to get the last squad on Main street into the procession.

The Marshal and his Aids were all handsomely mounted, and made a good appearance. The division marched in the following order:

Pasadena Encampment, 50 strong, with WILLIAM H. DAWSON, C. P., in command; Riverside Encampment, 40 men, made a handsome appearance and marched well; Santa Ana Encampment numbered 20 men. They were well drilled, and made a good appearance. San Bernardino Camp, 20 strong, were an honor to their section. Their banner is one of the prettiest in the State, and the members stepped off as if they had not neglected drill-night. San Diego Camp came up smiling with 25 men. They marched off like old-timers, and received a good deal of attention from the spectators. Los Angeles Camp brought up the Encampments. The members wore new uniforms, and were 50 strong.

The Subordinate Lodges came in the following order:

San Bernardino, No. 146, turned out with 60 men. Their banner is very handsome, and the men were well dressed and made a good appearance. Nietos, No. 197, numbered 80 men. They were well drilled and seemed to stand the march better than some of the other Lodges. Santa Ana, No. 236, added 90 men to the line of march. CHARLES OVERSHINER, N. G., CHARLES YOST, V. G., and WALTER TEDFORD, C. S., took a great deal of interest in their Lodge, and, with the assistance of their men, they did a great deal in the way of making the parade a success. Pomona, No. 256, and Compton Lodge threw 120 men into line. These two Lodges were commanded by GEORGE DUNDES, N. G., and W. S BAILEY, V. G. The members were well dressed and presented an imposing appearance. Centennial, No. 247, numbered 60 men. This Lodge is composed of young men, principally. They were well dressed, and attracted the attention of the ladies all along the line. Token, No. 29, turned out 30 strong. They made a good appearance and sported a handsome banner. Pasadena, No. 324, loomed up in flying colors, with 175 men. Its officers had a contingent that they might well be proud of. The officers are S. P. SWEARINGEN, N. G., and T. W. GOTTMAN, V. G. Colton, No. 326, numbered 40 men, who marched like old soldiers. They fell in line with a happy smile on their faces, which was kept up until the parade reached its final halt. Monrovia, No. 330, with 20 men, presented a handsome appearance. Los Angeles, No. 35, filed into Main street 200 strong. This well-known Lodge was under the command of W. F. MARLEAU, N. G., and E. C. PRATT, V. G. They looked well, marched well and were perfectly happy. Golden Rule, No. 160, marched boldly into line with 125 picked men, under J. A. MCDONALD, N. G. They were frequently applauded when they passed a bevy of the fair sex. East Side, No 325, was commanded by O. L. ROBERTSON, N. G. They were well drilled, and made a good appearance. Good Will, No. 323, fell in line with 200 men. They were in charge of A. COLE, N. G. They made a handsome appearance and were much admired.

Next in line of march came Hon. E. F. SPENCE and the Committee on Reception, in carriages.

They were followed by A. R. LORD, Grand Patriarch of California, and officers of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in carriages.

The Representatives of the different States followed in carriages, four to a carriage, for each State.

The Mayor and several Councilmen and two or three members of the Board of Supervisors followed, and then came, last but not least, for they were the most attractive feature of this division, five carriages, with four horses to each carriage, the various Rebekah Lodges. Following them, were a number of citizens in buggies and carriages and the usual number of small boys on foot and mounted on mustangs.

TWO MILES LONG.

As at 3:25 P. M. the last wagon of the veterans started down Fourth street from Spring, to bring up the rear of the parade from the Westminster, Sergt. DAVIS

led his police past them as the head of the parade came marching down Spring street. Thus the parade made a complete loop from Spring and Fourth up to the Plaza and back. The length thus shown, beyond cavil, is very close upon two miles.

[From the "Los Angeles Tribune," September 19th, 1888.]

YESTERDAY'S GRAND PARADE.

The Streets Packed with People—At Least 150,000 People in the City—The Parade.

Yesterday was the great day of the exercises of the Odd Fellows' week, and they may well feel satisfied and proud of the homage of the entire population of Los Angeles county which was offered them, for never, in the history of the city or county, was such a crowd of eager sight-seers present to witness any public demonstration. Nor will there ever be in any section of the United States, with the same number of inhabitants, a greater crowd gathered together to witness a similar display.

It will be almost impossible to give the few who were unable to be present yesterday, during the procession, anything like an adequate idea of the magnitude of the crowd in the city.

The surrounding towns, from San Diego on the south, Barstow on the east, Newhall and Santa Barbara on the north, and the Pacific ocean on the west, must have presented as deserted an appearance as if the great trumpet had sounded and the good souls gone before the Great Judge, while those left behind must have felt like the five foolish virgins who came too late and were shut out from the wedding feast. The only way in which to account for the absence of the few who could not be present from the surrounding towns, is that they, like the five foolish virgins, failed to fill their lamps (*i. e.* their pockets) in time. But, unlike the virgins, more than half of the population succeeded in getting here, and as a result, the streets were almost impassable, and one could only get along the sidewalks at a snail's pace. Early in the morning the residents of the surrounding country began to arrive in vehicles of every description, farm wagons, jerseys, buggies, carriages, and many on horseback. Ranchmen came with their bucking bronchos, big spurs and heavy saddles, and they made things pretty lively as they tried, in spite of all ideas of prudence, to force their way down the streets at a hard gallop. The incoming trains were not behind in bringing in their contingents, and promptly on time they arrived and poured their heavy loads out at the various depots. The street car companies carried all they could to the center of the town; the 'bus lines and transfer companies brought others, and many, seeing the utter impossibility of getting transportation of any kind, took time by the forelock and walked up to the central streets. Long before the time for the starting of the procession, the streets were taxed to their utmost capacity, and every available spot which commanded any view of the line of march at all, was taken. The roofs of the various buildings were crowded, not alone with the masculine sex, but women and children assembled, in their eagerness to obtain a full and complete view, to heights to which, on any other occasion, their inherent timidity would have prevented them from venturing. From the Plaza, at the junction of Lower and Upper Main streets, up Main on both sides to the junction of Spring, Temple and Main, the crowd formed an almost impassable barrier. The entrances to Commercial and Aliso streets on this block, were completely closed with vehicles of every description, containing lazy on-lookers, while the windows, every one of them, were so packed that on looking up the spectators could see only a black mass of human heads interlaced with strips of the walls intervening between the different floors. Spring and Main streets, from the northern junction to Seventh street, were both almost impassable, both on the sidewalks and in the streets proper. Vehicles innumerable formed a complete and unbroken line the entire distance named, next the curbs. If possible, the crowd on Spring street

was greater than that on Main. People stood in the broiling sun for hours, in order to retain their advantageous positions. Delicate ladies and frail children, sat and reclined on and against the doorways and windows of the stores. Suckling babes were sweetly sleeping on the doorsteps, while their anxious mothers stood guard, awaiting the arrival of the procession The crowd at the headquarters of the I. O. O. F., at No. 238 North Main street, which hitherto had been enormous all the time, showed signs of a slight decrease, for the spectators knew that there was nothing to be gained by waiting there, and spent their time crawling slowly as a snail, up and down the sidewalks The headquarters were not deserted, though, by any means, and a constant stream of visitors kept it comfortably filled, while several persons, principally ladies, utterly exhausted, occupied the seats, resting until the procession should commence to move. Many persons also stood around the tables, making a lunch off the fruits which were so plentifully furnished to all who wanted them.

Various estimates place the number of visitors in the city yesterday at from 50,000 to 75,000.

THE PARADE.

The Greatest Procession Ever Seen in this City.

Thousands of people. All sorts—country, city, suburban, good, bad and medium, Crowding, hustling, bustling. The buildings were alive, the streets were alive, the windows were alive, the roofs were alive with spectators Everything palpitated, pulsated with humanity. The city throbbed with life. The sense of vitality thrilled the atmosphere; the air was tingling as if with electricity. The fair women, brave men and sparkling eyed children, eager-faced, expressing welcome in every individual lineament, formed the grandest compliment, the most inspiring tribute that the great Order which honors the city by its presence, ever received. This mass of God's images was there to see the great parade of the men who have bound themselves together, to observe the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth. It formed a recognition by the people of the qualities that make life worth living, that make the world better, year by year, century by century, millennial by millennial.

The parade, which was in honor of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, started from General UNDERWOOD's headquarters, at the Westminster Hotel. Chief CUDDY furnished a mounted squad of his handsomest officers as a vanguard, which did credit to the occasion.

Next came the escort of honor, the National Guard, comprising the Seventh Regiment. At the head, rode Brigadier-General H. H. BOYCE, on a royal horse, escorted by his soldierly, brilliant staff. The display of the soldiers was a surprise to many who remembered the time when the organization was confined to the Eagle Corps. The men evinced the effect of strict discipline, of ambition to be all that the name soldier conveys. Their step, alignment and deportment could not be bettered. A little more attention to the art of carrying a musket, was all that the most critical could ask for.

The San Diego band, which for the day was the Seventh Infantry band, lent a martial tone to this part of the procession—and it deserves the credit of being pronounced the best band in the line. It numbered twenty five men. The regiment, Colonel W. H. H. RUSSELL commanding, came along with the swinging step of veterans, having seven full companies and looking like an army of itself. Company B, the pride of San Diego, had the right. Captain T. A. NERNEY handled his company with great skill and his men maintained their well-earned reputation as being one of the best companies in the National Guard. The Anaheim Tyroleers, Company G, was commanded by Captain S. O. WOOD, a conscientious and painstaking officer, who always has his company in good order. Anaheim has good reason to be proud of Company G Company F, of this city, commanded by Captain JAMES A. HUGHES, looked well and marched well, and showed great improvement since their last parade.

Company D, of Pomona, commanded by Captain WALTER E. BROTT, marched like a company of United States troops and showed careful handling. Pomona was well represented by her splendid company.

[From the "Los Angeles Daily Herald," September 19th, 1888.]

THE PARADE.

From an early hour yesterday morning, it was evident that there would be the largest crowd that ever assembled in Los Angeles, to witness the grand parade of the Odd Fellows. The trains from the local towns were filled to overflowing, in spite of the fact that many extra coaches had been supplied, and the highways leading into town were thronged with vehicles of every description. Chief CUDDY had made every arrangement to insure perfect order being kept, and the efficiency of his force was best evidenced by the fact, that not a single instance of riotous disturbance occurred throughout the entire proceedings. By 11 o'clock, the streets were crowded to such a condition, that it was necessary, at some points, to form single-file processions for those desiring to proceed in any certain direction. Shortly after noon, the strains of music coming from the encampment grounds, gave evidence that the preparations were commencing, and by 1 o'clock the points at which the different assemblies were to be called, presented a very animated appearance.

It was an elaborate affair from first to last, and will always convey pleasing reminiscences to those who witnessed it. It is estimated that there were fully 40,000 on the streets, and the length of the procession can be surmised from the fact, that it took forty-five minutes to pass any one point. The route selected, was well designed to show the visitors the vast business orbit of the city, and at the same time, it afforded an excellent opportunity for all to witness the parade. It ran as follows: From Fourth on Main to the Plaza, thence countermarch to the left to Spring street, thence on Spring street to between Sixth and Seventh, and thence westward to the encampment grounds, where it was disbanded. A good many of the visitors from the surrounding towns remained in town over night, and at 12 o'clock last night hotel accommodations were at a premium. The order instructing the Chevaliers to be in dress parade at 5 P. M. was dispensed with, owing to the fatigue of the day, and, as a result, the streets were crowded with sightseers until a late hour in the evening.

REUNION OF PAST GRAND REPRESENTATIVES,

AT ARMORY HALL,

Tuesday Evening, September 18th, 1888, at 8 o'clock.

The Thirteenth Annual Reunion of Past Grand Representatives was held at Armory Hall, September 18th, according to the following

PROGRAMME:

1. Vocal Selection, - - - - - - - - - - Quartette,
Mrs. FRANK J. THAYER. Mrs. EMMA C. TORREY, Mr. JAMES BOOTH, Mr. FRANK J. THAYER.

2. Prayer, - - - - - - - - Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE,
Grand Chaplain of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

3. Opening Address, - - - - - - - Bro. JAMES P. SANDERS, Past Grand Sire, President *pro tem.*

4. "I Live and Love Thee," - - - - - - - - - Duet, Mrs. FRANK J. THAYER and Mr. JAMES BOOTH.

5. Address, - - - - - - - - - Bro. ALFRED ORENDORFF, Grand Representative of Illinois.

6. Solo, - - - - - - - - - Mrs. FRANK J. THAYER.

7. Address, - - - - - - - - - Bro. CL. T. CAMPBELL, Grand Representative of Ontario.

8. Benediction, - - - - - - - - - Grand Chaplain.

The hall was crowded and the exercises were attentively listened to by the large audience present.

BALL AT THE WESTMINSTER.

The managers of the hotel gave a grand ball Tuesday night, after the Reunion, to the ladies of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which was an entirely informal affair. Street costumes were worn by many of the ladies, and dress suits were few. The dining-room of the Westminster Hotel, brilliantly lighted and with waxed floors, was taken possession of by the visiting Odd Fellows and their friends, and for two hours was a merry scene. A large number of Patriarchs Militant were present, in their glittering uniforms, enlivening the scene. The music, supplied by F. Doh's orchestra, struck up the grand march at half-past nine, and about forty couples took the floor.

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THE BALL.

The ball given at the Armory Hall last night in honor of the Odd Fellows, eclipsed anything of the kind ever before witnessed in the city. About 1,200 persons, all told, passed through the doors. Most of the Chevaliers were in full uniform, and the scene presented was a very fascinating one, for their habiliments, glittering with gold lace, vied with the costly toilets of the ladies.

MEINE'S orchestra occupied the stage and played dances in rapid succession, the ball of gaiety being kept rolling until long after "the witching hour" was passed. It was a pleasant experience, from first to last, and was heartily enjoyed by all who participated in it.

Camp Los Angeles, of the Patriarchs Militant, attracted much attention, and was visited by thousands during the week. The Dress Parades and Competitive Drills, also largely added to the interest of the occasion.

The numerous excursions liberally provided by the railroad companies and citizens, were largely availed of by the visitors who were not officers or mem-

bers of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the trips to Pasadena, Santa Monica (Pacific Ocean), Monrovia, Santa Ana, Tustin, Orange, San Diego, Coronado, etc., were spoken of as delightful occasions.

The Daughters of Rebekah were untiring in their attentions to the visitors, providing, every day during the week, a lunch free to all members of the Order.

The officers and members who returned to the East by the Northern Pacific railroad, were the recipients of the kindest attentions from San Francisco to Chicago. The Brethren of Portland, Oregon, in addition to other courtesies, provided an excursion on the Columbia river, which was greatly enjoyed by the participants. At Tacoma, Washington Territory, an informal reception was held in the Lodge-room; at Helena, a very creditable parade of the Order, reception at the State House, where Governor LESLIE and others delivered addresses, and a splendid banquet at the Cosmopolitan Hotel, testified the appreciation of the noble and generous Brethren of Montana of the visit of their Brethren of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, to the beautiful city of Helena. At St. Paul, the Brethren of Minnesota provided a reception at the State House, where addresses were delivered by W. P. MURRAY, Grand Master LAMBERT, and others, the entertainment of the evening concluding with a fine banquet at the Clifton House.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

In Force September, 1888.

1. *Resolved*, That the time for the sessions of this Grand Lodge will be to meet at nine o'clock A. M., and adjourn at 2 o'clock P. M. (1874, page 6193.)

2. *Resolved*, That the members of the Order who have attained the proper rank may be admitted within the Lodge during its deliberations, when vouched for and introduced to the Guardian by the Representatives respectively, from the State jurisdictions to which the visitors may be attached, and no Representative is authorized to vouch for any visitor unless he is in good standing in his Lodge and Encampment, is a Past Grand, and in possession of the Royal Purple Degree, and by being a Past Grand is meant having the Grand Lodge Degree. (1871, pages 4993, 5185, 5222.)

3. *Resolved*, That the Books of Diagrams and Secret Work be placed in the hands of the Deputy Grand Sire, for the use and benefit of the Representatives. (1862, page 3419.)

4. *Resolved*, That the Deputy Grand Sire, until further ordered, shall be authorized, at each session of this Body, to employ a suitable and competent Brother to assist him in taking care of said Work, and who shall, under his direction, supply the members of this Sovereign Grand Lodge with the use of the said Work. And the person so employed shall receive a suitable compensation for his services, to be determined by the Committee on Finance. (1883, page 9440.)

5. *Resolved*, That in order that all the Representatives may have an opportunity of examining the Secret Journals and Books of Diagrams, the Deputy Grand Sire be and he is hereby instructed to limit each and every jurisdiction to one half hour for the inspection of said books. (1883, page 9439.)

6. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to have printed hereafter, and furnish to each Past Grand Sire, officer and Representative present at the session, fifteen copies of the reports of Grand Officers and the Daily Journal, and one additional copy for every five hundred members of the several jurisdictions; *provided, however*, that not more than one hundred extra copies shall be allowed to any jurisdiction. (1883, page 9414.)

7. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to close their books on the 20th day of August, in each year, and report the financial operations to and including the day named. (1883, page 9450.)

8. *Resolved*, That until otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge, the Junior Past Grand Sire, if present at the session of this Grand Lodge during the term of his immediate successor, shall receive mileage and per diem. (1883, page 9393.)

9. *Resolved*, That hereafter no vote shall be taken on any motion or resolution required to be submitted in writing, until the same has been read in full from the desk of the Grand Secretary. (1874, page 6219.)

10. *Resolved*, That Grand Lodges, Grand Encampments, and all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments subordinate to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in submitting their Constitutions, or amendments thereof, to this Grand Body for approval, shall be required, first, to furnish the Grand Secretary a complete copy of their Constitutions, with all amendments thereto, accompanied with a certificate from the Grand Lodge or

Grand Encampment, or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment (when such Lodge or Encampment may be under the immediate jurisdiction of this Soveregn Grand Lodge), attested by the Secretary, and the seal of the Grand Body or Subordinate attached. (1870, page 4929.)

11. *Resolved*, That the compensation allowed committeemen, who may render services for this Grand Body during the recess, shall be three dollars each per day while actually in session, and four cents per mile traveled to and from the place of meeting, to be computed by the nearest route usually traveled to such place, but no salaried officer of this Grand Body shall receive any per diem compensation for said services. (1878, pages 7789, 7864.)

12. *Resolved*, That hereafter all laws sent to this Grand Lodge for approval shall bear the seal of the Body adopting them, and all documents without a seal (where the Body has one), shall be returned without consideration. (1872, pages 5518, 5547.)

13. *Resolved*, That the Grand Sire shall appoint a Committee on Appeals two months prior to each communication, to consist of nine members, which committee shall meet on the Wednesday preceding the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and consider such appeals as may be presented to them; and no appeal shall be considered by the committee except by direction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, unless filed with the Grand Secretary by the first day of the meeting of the committee; and the Grand Secretary shall, upon receipt thereof, forward the same to the chairman of the committee. (1879, page 8184.)

14. *Resolved*, That appellants must furnish two hundred copies of all appeal papers, as required by the legislation of 1855 and the legislation of 1875, found on page 6562 of the Journal. (1885, page 10,049.)

15. *Resolved*, That, as under the organic construction of the Order, this Grand Body possesses only such means as will enable it to exist with financial credit to itself, it is inexpedient and improper to make *donations* of any character, books, supplies, money, etc., not immediately appertaining to it and its necessities; furthermore, be it

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution is considered as a standing rule, that shall not be altered or repealed, except by a *two-thirds* vote of this Grand Lodge. (1876, pages 7028, 7079.)

16. *Resolved*, That the printer of the Daily Journal be interdicted by the proper officers of the Grand Lodge from permitting any person to have access to the manuscripts or matter intrusted to his care, that he is to regard the matter as *private*, and no one shall be allowed to copy or make extracts therefrom, but every copy printed should be placed in the hands of the officers of the Grand Lodge. (1877, page 7413.)

17. *Resolved*, That when an amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of this Body is proposed, the section proposed to be amended shall be set forth at length in the resolution proposing the amendment, as it would read should the proposed amendment be adopted. (1877, page 7424.)

18. *Resolved*, That a sub-committee of the Committee on Finance, consisting of not less than two of the members, be appointed to examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary; such examination to be made within one week prior to the commencement of each annual session.

Resolved, That to this end it is suggested that the Grand Sire appoint the Committee on Finance, or so many of its members as may be consistent, prior to the close of the annual session, instead of the commencement of the same, as has been the prevailing custom. (1877, page 7503; 1888, page 11,340.)

19. WHEREAS, Article XXI. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, provides that any amendment to that instrument, "if agreed to by a vote of three-fourths of the members present on a call of the yeas and nays," shall become part of such Constitution;

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that in contemplation of said constitutional provision, no member can be deemed "present on a call

of the yeas and nays," whose vote, or that of his colleague for him, does not appear upon the roll-call of the yeas and nays, or unless he is excused by vote of this Grand Lodge from voting. (1878, page 7891.)

20. *Resolved*, That hereafter the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary shall report only the names of deceased members of the Grand Lodge and Past Grand Sires, in the event of their decease, and that Grand Representatives shall announce the deaths of Past Grand Representatives of their respective jurisdictions in fitting terms, without referring said notices to a committee. (1879, page 8188.)

21. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to forward to the post-office address of the several officers and members of this Grand Body, the balance of the copies of the Daily Journal that may be due them after adjournment. (1879, page 8188.)

22. *Resolved*, That hereafter every Grand Representative, before entering upon the discharge of his duties in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall subscribe and file with the Grand Secretary the following affirmation:

I, upon my honor as an Odd Fellow, declare that I am not now, and was not at the time of my election as Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, a member of the Patriarchal Circle, by whatever name known, or of any secret organization, not authorized by this Order, that has ever had as a basis of qualification membership in this Order of Odd Fellows. (1885, page 10,129.)

23 *Resolved*, That all applications to open, rehear or review decisions of this Grand Lodge in appeal cases, whether by petition, memorial or otherwise, be prepared and forwarded to the Grand Secretary and under the same rules adopted by this Grand Body for appeals, and be sent to the Committee on Appeals. (1885, page 10,060.)

24. WHEREAS, There are many charitable, benevolent, fraternal, beneficiary and other enterprises which are subsidiary to the general purposes of this Order, and may or may not be in any manner within the control of any Lodge or Encampment, and therefore the good accomplished therefrom has never been in shape to append to the yearly statistics of our Order; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is hereby requested to correspond during the coming fiscal year with the Grand Secretary of each Subordinate Grand Body, requesting full information respecting all independent or attached organizations of their respective Bodies having for their purpose the further benefits of fraternal associations, such as Odd Fellows' Homes, Odd Fellows' Orphan Asylums, Odd Fellows' Cemetery Associations, and Odd Fellows' Veteran Associations, and that the Grand Secretary furnish an abstract of the results, for the use and consideration of this Grand Body; and the Grand Secretary shall prepare and forward blank forms for such reports. (1885, page 10,078; 1888, page 11,411.)

25. *Resolved*, That the resolution adopted at the last session relative to gathering information and statistics in regard to charitable, benevolent, fraternal, and other enterprises subsidiary to the general purposes of the Order, be continued in force, from year to year, until otherwise ordered. (1886, page 10,516.)

26. WHEREAS, In the consideration of appeal cases by this Grand Lodge, it is often necessary, for a correct decision thereon, to refer to the organic laws of the jurisdiction; therefore,

Resolved, That in all appeals to this Grand Lodge, it shall be required of the appellants to send with their papers a certified copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of their Grand Body, of the Constitution for Subordinates, and of the By-Laws of the Subordinate Lodge or Encampment involved in the appeal. (1886, page 10,481.)

27. WHEREAS, It is not only right and proper, but the very nature, spirit and desire of the Order demand that a day be set apart in each year on which its members may unite in solemn *Memorial Exercises* in behalf of their honored

dead, and it is believed that the most appropriate time for such service would be upon the 19th day of October, which day is that on which our Past Grand Sire WILDEY, who, after long years of earnest and successful work in our behalf, was gathered to his fathers; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Sire, in conjunction with the Grand Secretary, is hereby instructed to issue a proclamation annually, at least sixty days prior to October 19th, containing the purport of this preamble and resolution, requesting all Subordinate Lodges to assemble on the day above named and engage in appropriate memorial exercises respecting their deceased members, such exercises to be conducted in a manner appropriate to the occasion. Said proclamation shall embrace the names of such officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and past officers and members, if any, who died during the term herein named. This resolution to take effect in the year 1887; *provided, however*, that if a different day be more convenient for any Lodge to hold such Memorial Service, such Lodge may select the day. (1886, page 10,517; 1888, page 11,386.)

28. *Resolved*, That the several Grand Bodies, and Lodges and Encampments subordinate to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be required to report to this Grand Lodge: 1st. The number of schools and colleges under their control. 2d. The number of children attending the same. 3d. The number of children kept at other schools not under the control of the Order. And 4th. The amount paid out per term on account of the same. (1886, page 10,508.)

29. *Resolved*, That the sum of five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as the Grand Sire may deem necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated annually, for the purpose of procuring clerical assistance for the Grand Sire, and the Grand Sire is authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer, at such time and in such amounts, as may be required. (1887, page 10,987.)

Memories.

"The boast of Heraldry, the pomp of Power,
And all that Beauty, all that Wealth e'er gave,
Await, alike, the inevitable hour;
The paths of Glory lead but to the grave.

"Can storied urn, or animated bust,
Back to its mansion call the fleeting breath?
Can Honor's voice provoke the silent dust,
Or Flattery soothe the dull, cold ear of death?

"For them no more the blazing hearth shall burn,
Or busy housewife ply her evening care;
No children run to lisp their sire's return;
Or climb his knees the envied kiss to share."—*Gray.*

IN MEMORIAM.

"His best companions, innocence and health,
And his best riches, ignorance of wealth.
With all his prospects brightening to the last,
His heaven commences ere the world be past."

DIED.

JOHN W. STOKES, the twenty-fourth Past Grand Sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and Past Grand Representative of Pennsylvania, at his residence in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the 7th day of February, 1888, aged seventy-four years.

"His quiet, unobtrusive manner, his strict integrity, his unselfish and ready surrender of a previously-formed opinion when convinced of his error, were some of his peculiar characteristics."—*Journal, 11,114.*

"One of the oldest members of this Body, he was ever active in framing the laws that govern the vast army enrolled under the banner of Odd Fellowship, and the evidences of his zeal, ability and industry are to be found diffused over the thousands of pages of the Journal."—*Journal, 11,184.*

"A prince in our Israel—a mighty man in our Fraternity—has fallen. * * * He filled a large space in the eye of the Order for over fifty years. His name is written upon its history, and much of its prosperity, growth and standing in the world of civilization is due to his devotion and his labors. 'His life was full, rounded and complete, and God called unto him to come up higher.'"—*Journal, 11,419.*

WILLIAM STIRLING, the first Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of Australasia (1876), was accidentally drowned while bathing in the river Murray, at Albury, Australia, on the 3d day of November, 1887.

"He was associated with Odd Fellowship the greater part of his life. It is rarely such a long record of thoroughly unostentatious and disinterested service can be shown in the history of Friendly Societies."—*Friendly Societies Journal.*

"He was one of the best men the Order has had in Australasia. Amongst our Brotherhood he was deservedly loved, and as a business man and citizen, universally respected. A true friend and a genuine Odd Fellow, we could ill afford to lose so good a man."—*Journal, 11,116, 11,153.*

HUGH ROSS, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, Australasia, at his residence in the city of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, on the 8th day of January, 1888.

"He was always a very ardent worker in the cause of Odd Fellowship. * * * A large gathering of Odd Fellows assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to the remains of HUGH ROSS, who had served the Order faithfully."—*Journal, 11,116, 11,153.*

IN MEMORIAM.

"Unpracticed he to fawn, or seek for power,
By doctrines fashioned to the varying hour.
Quick to relieve the wretched was his pride,
And e'en his failings leaned to virtue's side."

ROBERT MOSER, District Deputy Grand Sire for the Republic of Chile, at his residence in the city of Valparaiso, October, 1887.—*Journal, 11,116, 11,157.*

BERNHARD FLECK, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, at his residence in the city of Dresden, Saxony, on the 3d day of November, 1887.

"He had been a member of the Body and Grand Treasurer since 1877, and by his death we have lost one of our most valuable and faithful officers. His untiring zeal for Odd Fellowship has secured him a lasting memory in our hearts."—*Journal, 11,116, 11,160.*

SAMUEL W. MALLORY, Past Grand Representative of Arkansas, on the 31st day of July, 1888.—*Journal, 11,116.*

LEON D. FREER, Past Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of California, in the city of San Francisco, California, September 19th, 1888, aged forty-three years.

"He was the loved and trusted friend of every old and devoted Odd Fellow; the accepted model—nay, the very idol—of the young men of our Order. In his domestic life, he was a loving husband and a devoted father; in his public capacity, a sterling citizen; in his official station, as Judge of the Superior Court of Butte county, in which station his fellow-citizens of all political parties retained him, even to the hour of his death, he was learned, fearless and just. Take him for all and all, he was a man of uncommon greatness of heart and mind, and his memory will long be enshrined in the hearts of all who had the privilege of his acquaintance."—*Journal, 11,391.*

EDWARD MCINTIRE, Past Grand Representative of Delaware, at his residence in the city of Wilmington, Delaware, on the 18th day November, 1887, aged seventy-two years.

"He held a number of public positions in the city of Wilmington. He was initiated into the Order June 15th, 1839, and on retiring from the position of Noble Grand, January 16th, 1841, he was installed Permanent Secretary, and was re-elected each succeeding term until he was summoned to render his final account to his Maker, whom our Brother, we are assured, felt himself prepared to meet, carrying with him a clean balance-sheet."—*Journal, 11,115, 11,422.*

IN MEMORIAM.

"The praise of those who sleep in earth,
The pleasant memory of their worth,
The hope to meet when life is past,
Shall heal the tortured mind at last."

GAYLORD L. MORE, Past Grand Representative of Delaware, at his residence in the city of Wilmington, Delaware, on the 4th day of February, 1888, aged seventy-six years.

"He was one of the noblest types of manhood. He met all classes of humanity on the same level—the learned and unlearned, the rich and the poor, all received the same courteous treatment and counsel from him. As pastor, Bro. MORE was greatly beloved by all his congregation, and as an Odd Fellow, in his days of vigor and strength, he was an untiring and zealous worker."—*Journal, 11,115, 11,421.*

HENRY ECKEL, Past Grand Representative of Delaware, at his residence in the city of Wilmington, on the 8th day of March, 1888, aged seventy-one years.

"He was elected to various positions of honor and distinction in the municipal bodies, in all of which he displayed great executive ability, always taking an active, and generally, an agressive part therein. He was initiated into the Order June 16th, 1849, and was elected Grand Master June 9th, 1858. His last words, addressed to the spiritual minister at his bedside, being in the form of a farewell, were 'COME SOON.'"—*Journal, 11,115, 11,423.*

WILLIAM A. SHIELDS, Past Grand Representative of Alabama, at his residence in the city of Mobile, Alabama, on the 18th day of June, 1888, aged fifty-eight years.

"A true and noble man, ever prompt and faithful in the discharge of duty, an untiring laborer in the cause of Odd Fellowship, so dear to his heart; his valuable services, as Grand Secretary and Grand Representative, will be missed in his jurisdiction, and he will be missed by his Brethren in this arena."—*Journal, 11,115, 11,184.*

GEORGE W. WOODWARD, Past Grand Representative of Illinois, on the 27th day of June, 1887.—*Journal, 11,115.*

GEORGE L. REED, Past Grand Representative of Maine, at his recidence in the city of Bridgeport, Connecticut, on the 24th day of June, 1888, aged thirty-eight years.

"He did much to advance the cause of Odd Fellowship in Maine, and was loved most by those who knew him best; a man of spotless character and reputation, who exemplified in his life the noble character of a true Odd Fellow."—*Journal, 11,116, 11,429.*

IN MEMORIAM.

"So let him sleep that dreamless sleep,
Our sorrows clustering round his head;
Be comforted, ye loved who weep,
He lives with God—he is not dead."

THOMAS UNDERWOOD, Past Grand Representative of Indiana, at his residence in the city of Chicago, Illinois, on the 6th day of February, 1888, aged sixty years.

"He was a broad, philanthropic, liberal-minded man; his life was a triumphant career of moral fervor; he knew his God as surely as he knew the tranquil beauty of the stars, or the meridian splendor of the sun; the work of the church, of Odd Fellowship and other fraternities, of which he was an active and honored member, was to him a labor of love. His death, coming as it did, in the early afternoon of his mature manhood, is an irreparable loss to his family as well as to the Order he so ardently espoused, and upon which, for a quarter of a century and more, his name has shed a luster."—*Journal, 11,116, 11,426.*

DAVID W. LA FOLLETTE, Past Grand Representative of Indiana, at his residence in the city of New Albany, Indiana, on the 21st day of March, 1888, aged sixty-two years.

"He was a good man and true; he accepted the principles of our Order, and practiced them in his life without undue show. He believed fully in the great truth that 'God is the common father of all mankind, and we are Brethren,' and as Brethren we are bound to care for our fellows, and, if possible, do them good. He was an earnest and devoted member of the church; an honor to the bar in which he practiced law for many years; a devoted husband and loving father, and has left behind him the savor of a good name."—*Journal, 11,116, 11,427.*

WILLIAM H. GRAVES, Past Grand Representative of Missouri, at his residence in Canton, Missouri, on the 9th day of November, 1887, aged forty-seven years.

"Such was his high standing in the community that in all the relations of life he was held in high esteem—serving as County Collector and Mayor of the city of Canton. He was a thoughtful and tender husband and father, distinguished for his hospitality—his house was the home of the stranger, Christian and Odd Fellow. He was one of the few Past Grand Masters who continued, after serving in the more exalted positions, to serve his Lodge continuously by constant attendance upon its meetings, and accepting offices even the humblest, when needed; and such was his solicitude for its permanent prosperity, that nearly the last word he uttered before he 'fell asleep' was, 'Tell the Brethren to be faithful to the Lodge.'"—*Journal, 11,116, 11,431.*

IN MEMORIAM.

"His youth was innocent; his riper age,
Marked with some act of goodness, every day;
And watched by eyes that loved him, calm, and sage,
Faded his late declining years away."

JAMES THORINGTON, Past Grand Representative of Iowa, at the city of Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the 12th day of June, 1887, aged seventy-one years.

"He was as faithful and diligent in his public duties as he was kind and courteous in private life. Ever ready to aid and assist his fellow-man, he was a typical Odd Fellow. His helping hand was always open to his young Brothers, and many of them are indebted to him, to a great extent, for their positions in life. Though his voice may no longer be heard, the memory of his deeds, his work, will remain."—*Journal, 11,115, 11,424.*

JOSIAH H. BONNEY, Past Grand Representative of Iowa, at his residence, Keosauqua, Iowa, on the 12th day of September, 1887, aged seventy years.

"He was a man of quiet demeanor, and somewhat reserved, but withal of a kindly social nature after acquaintance was made. The Order has lost a valued and loved Brother and a true and courteous Odd Follow. He rests from his labors and his works do surely follow him."—*Journal, 11,115, 11,424.*

MARTIN HEISEY, Past Grand Representative of Iowa, at his residence in the city of Burlington, Iowa, in January, 1887, aged seventy-two years.

"Warm in his attachments, he was faithful as a friend, conscientious in his discharge of duty, and zealous in the work of the Lodge-room. Strong in his love of truth, he was never a party to a mean or unworthy act. He gave honor to his Lodge, and his example is worthy of emulation. He never laid down his work until he was summoned by the Grand Master of the Universe to come up higher, and when he left us, the Lodge lost a noble member, the world a consistent Christian, and the community one whose place cannot be filled."—*Journal, 11,115, 11,425.*

GEORGE W. GRIGGS, Past Grand Representative of Michigan, on the 22d day of March, 1887.—*Journal, 11,116.*

WILLIAM OAKES, Past Grand Representative of Michigan, on the 9th day of July, 1887.—*Journal, 11,116.*

WITTER J. BAXTER, Past Grand Representative of Michigan, on the 6th day of February, 1888.—*Journal, 11,116.*

IN MEMORIAM.

"That life was happy; every day he gave
Thanks for the fair existence that was his;
For a sick fancy made him not her slave,
To mock him with her phantom miseries."

CHARLES WOLFORD, Past Grand Representative of Kentucky, at his residence in the city of Louisville, Kentucky, on the 10th day of August, 1888, aged seventy-eight years.

"He was initiated into the Order in 1833; in 1836 he entered the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and for fifty-two years was regular in his attendance. He was a man of fine personal appearance, attractive manners, a genial companion. He possessed fine elocutionary powers, and in rendering the various charges of the Ritual to candidates, he had few equals, while his delivery of the Warden's charge was unrivaled."—*Journal*, *11,115*, *11,428*.

ALEXANDER WILSON, Past Grand Representative of Minnesota, at his residence in the city of St. Paul, Minnesota, November 28th, 1887, aged seventy-four years.

"He was zealous not only in Odd Fellowship but in all good work. In his youth he united with the church, and was a devoted and exemplary member; he lived a pure and upright life, a bright example for the young, with whom he had a powerful influence and was a favorite. The influence for good of his noble and upright life remains, and cannot be forgotten by those who knew him."—*Journal*, *11,115*, *11,430*.

CHARLES HOAG, Past Grand Representative of Minnesota, at his residence in the city of Minneapolis, Minnesota, on the 1st day of February, 1888, aged seventy-nine years.

"He had a wide influence among his fellow-men, was an able advocate for the principles of our Order during his active life, and always made a good impression on his audience. He was truly a FRIEND to one in need, and illustrated the principles of FRIENDSHIP, as also of LOVE and TRUTH. He was indeed a good man, and his example in life is worthy of emulation."—*Journal*, *11,115*, *11,430*.

DAVID OLIVER ADKISON, Past Grand Representative of Nevada, at the city of San Francisco, California, on the 3d day of November, 1887, aged sixty-four years.

"He was an earnest, progressive Odd Fellow, a ready, eloquent and forcible speaker, and always took delight in protraying the beauties of Odd Fellowship. He was a good man, a loyal citizen, a devoted son to his aged mother, a loving husband to his blind wife, an affectionate father to his children, and an earnest, life-long Odd Fellow."—*Journal*, *11,115*, *11,434*.

IN MEMORIAM.

"Fond, clustering hopes have sunk with them,
That earth can ne'er restore;
Love casts a garland on their graves,
That may not blossom more."

LEONARD KELLOGG BARBER, Past Grand Representative of Mississippi, on the 1st day of April, 1888, aged seventy-one years.—*Journal, 11,116.*

GERARD B. ALLEN, Past Grand Representative of Missouri, on the 27th day of July, 1887, aged seventy-three years.

"Let his name be cherished as one of the greatest benefactors of the Order in our State and nation. Under a mild exterior there beat as warm and generous a heart as ever was worn beneath the armor of knighthood, or that pulsated to the appeals of sorrow and suffering. His hand was always open to the wants of the Order in its most extended forms, but while his generosity was prodigal and quiet, it was conveyed in a method to confer a lasting benefit, if possible."—*Journal, 11,116, 11,432.*

E. K. WOODWARD, Past Grand Representative of Missouri, at his residence in the city of St. Louis, Missouri, July 15th, 1888, aged seventy-four years.

"Of modest, retiring disposition, yet firm and unhesitating in the maintenance of truth and right, his well-balanced mind and varied experience made him a valued counselor for the young and inexperienced. During a continuous membership in one Lodge of forty-four years, he manifested an active and unselfish interest in the Order, and sought, by precept and example, to influence the membership of the Order in his own and other Lodges, to let their life and conduct be controlled by the principles, for the advancement of which this organization exists."—*Journal, 11,116, 11,433.*

DAYTON B. WHITAKER, Past Grand Representative of New Jersey, at his residence in the city of Bridgeton, on the 9th day of January, 1888, aged seventy-three years.

"He was noted for the strictest honesty and integrity in every department, and as a business man, was respected and relied on. He was a devoted member of the Methodist Church, and actively engaged in several official relations, which terminated only with his life. Whatever he undertook, he performed faithfully and well. As the head of a family he realized his obligations; as a worthy citizen he had the best interests of the community at heart; as 'an Odd Fellow, in spirit and in truth,' he recognized the claims of fraternity, and was a tried and true friend to all his Brethren."—*Journal, 11,116, 11,434.*

IN MEMORIAM.

"But they are where each dream of hope
Shall in fruition fade,
And love, immortal and refined,
Glow on without a shade."

SAMUEL READ, Past Grand Representative of New Jersey, at his residence in the city of Mount Holly, New Jersey, on the 13th day of August, 1888, aged seventy-four years.

"He was a man of most amiable disposition. Whoever met him felt at once attracted toward him; he was magnetic. Although afflicted for many years, his spirit never seemed to be ruffled, and he was always companionable, even when prostrated. To the Brethren of New Jersey he was especially endeared, and they feel that they have not only lost a dearly beloved Brother, but a warm personal friend. He will long live in the memory of the Brotherhood, as a kind-hearted man and a true Odd Fellow."—*Journal, 11,116, 11,435.*

GEORGE D. LAMOS, Past Grand Representative of New Hampshire, aged fifty-five years.—*Journal, 11,116.*

DANIEL P. BARNARD, Past Grand Representative of New York, at his residence in the city of Brooklyn, New York, on the 18th day of February, 1888, aged seventy-six years.

"The records of our Order, forty years ago, bear witness that his voice and pen had not been wanting when called upon in the name of Odd Fellowship. His outspoken manner, and his sincerity, which were ever blended with an honest zeal, may have proved obstacles to his rising to and adorning the highest position in the gift of the Order; but they developed qualities of the head and the heart which should ever command the admiration of right-minded men."—*Journal, 11,116, 11,436.*

JOHN F. VAN NORT, Past Grand Representative of New York, at his residence in the city of Newburg, New York, on the 1st day of May, 1888, aged sixty-nine years.

"He was always identified with whatever interested and benefited his native town, and has held several of its public offices. He was a successful drug merchant, and having laid up an abundance for his future needs, long since gave up business, devoting much of his leisure time to the fraternal organizations with which he was united."—*Journal, 11,116, 11,437.*

EBENEZER B. WHITE, Past Grand Representative of Rhode Island, on the 3d day of February, 1888, aged eighty-three years.—*Journal, 11,116.*

IN MEMORIAM.

"The star is not extinguished when it sets
Upon the dull horizon; it but goes
To shine in other skies, then re-appear
In ours, as fresh as when it first arose."

WILLIAM L. WEMMELL, Past Grand Representative of New York, at his residence in the city of New York, on the 6th day of August, 1888, aged sixty-nine years.

"He gave freely of his time to the work and interests of the Order, and was a faithful attendant upon Lodge and Camp—at his own from a sense of duty, and at others when his services were needed or desirable. Although nearly half a century laboring in the work of the Order, yet at the age of three score and ten his interest in its welfare and participation in its practical operations, never flagged for a moment."—*Journal, 11,116, 11,437.*

WILLIAM LACY, Past Grand Representative of New York, at his residence in the city of Albany, New York, on the 16th day of November, 1887, aged eighty-three years.

"For fully half of his long life he was an active, zealous Odd Fellow. He loved Odd Fellowship for what of good he found in it, and maintained an unbroken membership in it until the end. He was deservedly held in high estimation by his fellow-citizens, and chosen to several important and responsible trusts. Revered for his amiable and dignified demeanor and Christian walk in life; respected for his high integrity as a business man and citizen; honored and beloved as husband, father and friend, he left us a noble example to admire and emulate."—*Journal, 11,116, 11,438.*

HORACE Y. BEEBE, Past Grand Representative of Ohio, January 28th, 1888, aged seventy-two years.

"Unlike many who reach high official position, he abated not a whit his interest in the Subordinate Bodies, but in the work of his Subordinate Lodge and Encampment, was ever active, attentive and zealous. He was loyal, courageous and self-sacrificing for the good of the Order; in the community in which he lived was a most useful citizen, honored alike by his fellow-citizens, again and again, with official trusts, and also by the President of the United States. He was a man of rare personal worth—of perfect integrity, thoroughly a genuine man—a husband and father loving and beloved—working for and helping always, his fellow-man."—*Journal, 11,115, 11,439.*

J. Y. DASHIELL, Past Grand Representative of Texas, on the 14th day of March, 1888.—*Journal, 11,115.*

IN MEMORIAM.

"Brothers, rest! your labors o'er,
Dream of want and woe no more;
Sleep the sleep that knows not breaking,
Morn of toil, nor night of waking."

WILLIAM SULLIVAN JOHNSON, Past Grand Representative of Rhode Island, at his residence in the city of Providence, Rhode Island, on the 6th day of December, 1887, aged sixty-one years.

"To those of his associates who have been accustomed to meet him, year after year, in this field of labor, nothing need be said in praise of his abilities, his honesty of purpose, and his efforts to achieve success."—*Journal*, *11,115*, *11,184*

"He was a man of his own convictions, and every ready to do battle in the cause of truth and justice. For more than half his life, he devoted his time to the advancement and development of Odd Fellowship. For more than thirty years he had been a prominent member of the Church of the Mediator. He was loyal in his friendships, courteous and kind hearted, honest and truthful, faithful and just; he was highly appreciated as a friend, a citizen, and as an Odd Fellow."—*Journal*, *11,440*.

GEORGE H. BIGELOW, Past Grand Representative of Vermont, on the 27th day of March, 1888, aged fifty years.—*Journal*, *11,116*.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION,

Proposed at September Session, 1888.

Resolved, That Article IX. of the Constitution of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, be amended by striking out the whole of Section 2, and inserting the following:

SECTION 2. Grand Representatives shall be apportioned as follows, viz.: To every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction fifteen hundred or less members in good standing, one Grand Representative; to every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over fifteen hundred members in good standing, two Grand Representatives, and no State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than two Grand Representatives. (Page 11,316.)

Resolved, That Section 2, Article XVI., of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

SECTION 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order, except free white males, of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of eighteen years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, however*, that when the applicant is not of lawful age, he shall first secure and present, in writing, with his petition for membership, the consent of his father or legal guardian; *and provided further*, that in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation. (Page 11,350.)

Amend Section 2, Article XVI., of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE XVI., SECTION 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order, except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, however*, that in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation; *provided further, however*, that a person who sells intoxicating liquors at retail for the purpose of livelihood, shall not be entitled to admission to the Order. (Page 11,367.)

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

OF THE

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE

OF THE

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS, 1888-9.

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REPRESENTATIVES.

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G. Encampment, *Le F. A. Shaw*, P. G. Rep...Walla Walla.

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G. Encampment, Charles Kendall, P. G. P.....Beloit.
G. Encampment, *J. H. Woodnorth*, P. G. P.....Waupaca.

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PAST GRAND SIRES.

1.	THOMAS WILDEY, 1825–1833	(Died Oct. 19th. 1861.)	Baltimore, Md.
2.	JAMES GETTYS, 1833–1835	(Died Aug. 15th, 1844.)	Georgetown, D. C.
3.	GEORGE KEYSER, 1835–1837	(Died Sept. 19th, 1837.)	Baltimore, Md.
4.	SAMUEL H. PERKINS, 1837–1840	(Died May 22d, 1874.)	Philadelphia, Pa.
5.	ZENAS B. GLAZIER, 1840–1841	(Died Nov. 11th, 1858.)	Wilmington, Del.
6.	JOHN A. KENNEDY, 1841–1843	(Died June 20th, 1873.)	New York City, N. Y.
7.	HOWELL HOPKINS, 1843–1845	(Died June 5th, 1858.)	Philadelphia, Pa.
8.	THOMAS SHERLOCK, 1845–1847		Cincinnati, O.
9.	HORN R. KNEASS, 1847–1849	(Died Dec. 12th, 1861.)	Philadelphia, Pa.
10.	ROBERT H. GRIFFIN, 1849–1851	(Died Dec. 14th, 1855.)	Savannah, Ga.
11.	WILLIAM W. MOORE, 1851–1853	(Died Dec. 23d, 1886.)	Washington, D. C.
12.	WILMOT G. DE SAUSSURE, 1853–1855	(Died Feb. 1st, 1886.)	Charleston, S. C.
13.	WILLIAM ELLISON, 1855–1857	(Died Aug. 23d, 1877.)	Boston, Mass.
14.	GEORGE W. RACE, 1857–1858	(Died June 17th, 1881.)	New Orleans, La.
15.	SAMUEL CRAIGHEAD, 1858–1860		Dayton, O.
16.	ROBERT B. BOYLSTON, 1860–1862	(Died Sept. 5th, 1865.)	Winnsborough, S. C.
17.	JAMES B. NICHOLSON, 1862–1864		Philadelphia, Pa.
18.	ISAAC M. VEITCH, 1864–1866	(Died May 22d, 1884.)	St. Louis, Mo.
19.	JAMES P. SANDERS, 1866–1868		Yonkers, N. Y.
20.	E. D. FARNSWORTH, 1868–1870		San Francisco, Cal.
21.	FREDERICK D. STUART, 1870–1872	(Died Jan. 25th, 1878.)	Washington, D. C.
22.	CORNELIUS A. LOGAN, 1872–1874		Chicago, Ill.
23.	MILTON J. DURHAM, 1874–1876		Danville, Ky.
24.	JOHN W. STOKES, 1876–1878	(Died Feb. 7th, 1888.)	Philadelphia, Pa.
25.	JOHN B. HARMON, 1878–1880		San Francisco, Cal.
26.	LUTHER J. GLENN, 1880–1882	(Died June 9th, 1886.)	Atlanta, Ga.
27.	ERIE J. LEECH, 1882–1884		Keokuk, Iowa.
28.	HENRY F. GAREY, 1884–1886		Baltimore, Md.
29.	JOHN H. WHITE, 1886–1888		Albion, N. Y.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND SIRES.

JOHN WELCH, 1825–1829	Maryland.
THOMAS SCOTCHBURN, 1829–1833	Maryland.
ROBERT NEILSON, 1833–1835	Maryland.
JOHN PEARCE, 1835–1837	Pennsylvania.
FREDERICK LEISE, 1837–1840	New York.
WILLIAM W. MOORE, 1840–1841	District of Columbia.
HORN R. KNEASS, 1841–1843	Pennsylvania.
WILLIAM S STEWART, 1843–1845	Missouri.
ALBERT CASE, 1845–1847	South Carolina.
NEWELL A. THOMPSON, 1847–1849	Massachusetts.
ASHER B. KELLOGG, 1849–1851	Michigan.
HERMAN L. PAGE, 1851–1853	Wisconsin.
HORACE A. MANCHESTER, 1853–1855	Rhode Island.
GEORGE W. RACE, 1855–1857	Louisiana.
TIMOTHY G .SENTER, 1857–1858	New Hampshire.
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH, 1858–1860	Virginia.
MILTON HERNDON, 1860–1862	Indiana.
WILLIAM H. YOUNG, 1862–1864	Maryland.
JAMES P. SANDERS, 1864–1866	New York.
E. D. FARNSWORTH, 1866–1868	Tennessee.
FREDERICK D. STUART, 1868–1870	District of Columbia.
CORNELIUS A. LOGAN, 1870–1872	Kansas.
MILTON J. DURHAM, 1872–1874	Kentucky.
JOHN W. STOKES, 1874–1876	Pennsylvania.
JOHN B. HARMON, 1876–1878	California.
LUTHER J. GLENN, 1878–1880	Georgia.
ERIE J. LEECH, 1880–1882	Iowa.
HENRY F. GAREY, 1882–1884	Maryland.
JOHN H. WHITE, 1884–1886	New York.
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, 1886–1888	Kentucky.

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2. Arizona—W. L. Whepley, P. G. M.....Phœnix, Arizona.
3. Assiniboia, Canada—John P. Young, P. G. M..... Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, Canada.
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15. New Mexico—A. C. Sloan, P. G. M.....Las Vegas, New Mexico.
16. Peru, S. America—F. L. Crosby, P. G., P. C. P..... Casilla 203, Lima, Peru, South America.
17. Quebec, Canada—Henry A. Jackson, P. G. Rep..... P. O. Box 518, Montreal, Canada.
18. Sandwich Islands—M. D. Monsarrat, P. G.....Honolulu, Sandwich Islands.
19. Saskatchewan, Canada—Hartley Gisborne, P. G..... Qu'Appelle Station, Assiniboia, Canada.
20. South Carolina—Robert C. Starr, P. G. Scribe..... Charleston, South Carolina.
21. Sweden, Europe—Andreas Holck, P. G. M. Sophievej 5, Copenhagen, V, Denmark, Europe.
22. Switzerland, Europe—C. Imfeld, P. G. M.....Luzerne, Switzerland, Europe.

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Alabama	Huntsville, Tuesday, May 14, 1889	George R. Ward	Birmingham	E. L. Cahall	Mobile.
Arizona	Tucson, Monday, April 8, 1889.	F. K. Miller	Tucson	N. A. Morford	Phœnix.
Arkansas	Batesville, Tuesday, Oct. 22, 1889	R. P. Holt	De Witt	Peter Brugman	Little Rock.
Australasia	Adelaide, S. A., Tuesday, May 20, 1890	W. D. McKee, *G. Sire*	Bridge St., Ballarat, Victoria	John C. Smith	I. O. O. F. Hall, Russell St., Melbourne, Victoria.
New South Wales	Sydney, Tuesday, Feb. 12, 1889,	Alexander Spence	No. 20 Botany street, Waterloo, Sydney	H. H. Greene	I. O. O. F. Hall, Elizabeth St., Sydney.
New Zealand	Oamaru, Thursday, Mar. 21, 1889	H. Naphtali	Napier	Wm. Reid	Dunedin.
South Australia	———, Tuesday, Mar. 19, 1889	George Thomas	Unley	Alfred Leane	Rechabite Hall, Adelaide.
Tasmania	Launceston, Tuesday, Feb. 26, 1889	W. Edmonds	Launceston	George Good	Canning St, Launceston.
Victoria,	Melbourne, Tuesday, Feb. 19, 1889	Wm. E. Morcom	Inglewood road, Sandhurst	John C. Smith	I. O. O. F. Hall, Russell St., Melbourne, Victoria.
British Columbia	Victoria, Wednesday, Feb. 13, 1889	Joshua Davies	Victoria	Frederick Davey	Box 481, Victoria.
California	San Francisco, Tuesday, May 14, 1889	Reuben H. Lloyd	San Francisco	W. B. Lyon	I. O. O. F. Hall, San Francisco.
Colorado	Denver, Tuesday, Oct. 15, 1889.	Wm. J. Fay	Denver	J. M. Norman	Denver.
Connecticut	Hartford, Wednesday, May 15, 1889	Ralph Burnham	Hartford	Frederick Botsford.	Draw No. 5, New Haven.
Dakota	Jamestown, Tuesday, May 21, 1889	Frank S. Emerson	Sioux Falls	Ralph R. Briggs	Sioux Falls.
Delaware	Wilmington, Wednesday, Nov. 20, 1889	Evan M. Fowler	Smyrna	Isaac W. Hallam	Wilmington.
Denmark	Copenhagen, Monday, May 20, 1889	Andreas Holck	Sophievej 5, Copenhagen V	Johan Hansen	Gl. Strand 44[3], Copenhagen.

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District Columbia...	Washington, Semi-annual, Wednesday, Jan. 16, 1889; Annual, Wednesday, July 17, 1889	James A. Watt	No. 1625 Madison Ave., N. W., Washington	Wm. P. Allan	No. 522 Sixth St., S. E., Washington.
Florida	St. Augustine, Tuesday, Mar. 19, 1889	C. C. Yonge, Jr.	Pensacola	W. M. McIntosh, Jr.	Tallahassee.
Georgia	Rome, Wednesday, Aug. 21, 1889	D. B. Woodruff	Macon	John G. Deitz	Macon.
German Empire	Hildesheim, Monday, Sept. 2, 1889	A. H. Dillinger, *G. Sire*	Kreuz Str. No. 8, Karlsruhe, Baden	F. Meyendorff	Admiral Str. 12, Berlin, S. O.
Brandenburg	Berlin, Saturday, July 20, 1889	Paul Gerlach	Kurfuersten Str. 2, Berlin, W.	Paul Juhre	Old Jacob Str. 128, Berlin, S. W.
Hannover	Hannover, Sunday, July 14, 1889	Rudolf Franz	Kirchwender Str. 10a, Hannover	August Gohmann	Holty Str. 16, Hannover.
Saxony	Dresden, Sunday, July 21, 1889	Emil Backhaus	Kleine Bruedergasse 3, Dresden	Otto Schenk	Clara Str. 56 G. Hilbersdorf bei Chemnitz.
Silesia-Posen	Waldenburg i Schl., Saturday, July 13, 1889	Gus. Goldschmidt	Friedr. Wilhelm Str. 14b, Breslau	Ed. Maiwald	Waldenburg i Schl.
Wurttemberg.	Stuttgart, Saturday, July 20, 1889	Paul Beckmann	Reinsburg Str. 59, Stuttgart	Christian Schwend	Lerchen Str. 38, Stuttgart.
Idaho	Caldwell, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 1889	Fred. Epstein	Boise City	Leon Fuld	Box 234, Hailey.
Illinois	Springfield, Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1889	J. Otis Humphrey	Springfield	George M. Adams	Bloomington.
Indiana	Indianapolis, Semi-annual, Wednesday, May 22, 1889; Annual, Wednesday, Nov. 20, 1889	J. E. C. F. Harper	Madison	B. F. Foster	Indianapolis.
Iowa	Clarinda, Wednesday, Oct. 16, 1889	Wm. Musson	Des Moines	Wm. Garrett	Burlington.
Kansas	Topeka, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 1889	A. P. Riddle	Minneapolis	Samuel F. Burdett	Leavenworth.
Kentucky	Louisville, Tuesday, Oct. 22, 1889	Thomas F. Rogers	Mt. Sterling	William White	Louisville.
Louisiana	New Orleans, Tuesday, Jan. 22, 1889	George Muth	Draw 383, New Orleans	James Furneaux	Draw 383, New Orleans.

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Lower Provinces, B. N. A.	Charlottetown, P. E. I., Wednesday, Aug. 14, 1889	W. H. Weatherspoon	Granville Ferry, N. S.	J. C. P. Frazee	Halifax, N. S.
Maine	Portland, Tuesday, Aug. 13, 1889	Henry C. Bagley	Portland	Joshua Davis	Portland
Manitoba	Winnipeg, Wednesday, Aug. 14, 1889	Horace J. Raymer	Box 604, Winnipeg	James D. Conklin	Box 134, Winnipeg.
Maryland	Baltimore, Monday, April 15, 1889	James B. Law	Baltimore	John M. Jones	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Boston, Semi-annual, Thursday, Feb. 14, 1889; Annual, Thursday, Aug. 8, 1889	Alfred S. Pinkerton	Worcester	Charles D. Cole	Boston.
Michigan	Grand Rapids, Tuesday, Feb. 19, 1889	George W. Dewey	Owosso	Edwin H. Whitney	Lansing.
Minnesota	St. Cloud, Tuesday, June 4, 1889.	Charles A. Lambert	St. Paul	A. L. Bolton	Odd Fellows' Block, St. Paul.
Mississippi	Grenada, Tuesday, May 7, 1889.	Amos Burnett	Port Gibson	C. C. Ross	Okolona.
Missouri	St. Louis, Tuesday, May 21, 1889.	J. F. Gmelich	Boonville	E. M. Sloan	Box 496, St. Louis.
Montana	Great Falls, Tuesday, Oct. 15, 1889	Andrew Logan	Missoula	A. J. White	Butte City.
Nebraska	Grand Island, Wednesday, Oct. 16, 1889	George N. Beels	Norfolk	D. A. Cline	Lincoln.
Nevada	Carson, Tuesday, June 18, 1889,	J. C. Hazlett	Dayton	B. F. Wallace	Box 262, Virginia City.
New Hampshire	North Conway, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 1889	Hermon F. Dane	Nashua	Joseph Kidder	Manchester.
New Jersey	Trenton, Wednesday, Nov. 20, 1889	J. Frank Jennings	Newark	Lewis Parker	Trenton.
New Mexico	Socorro, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 1889...	C. L. Hubbs	Albuquerque	Samuel T. Reed	Santa Fe.
New York	Rochester, Tuesday, Aug. 20, 1889	Charles Kiehl	No. 1055 Bushwick Av., Brooklyn	James Terwilliger	No. 853 Broadway, New York.
North Carolina	Fayetteville, Tuesday, May 14, 1889	J. H. Cordon	Raleigh	B. H. Woodell	Raleigh.
Ohio	Toledo, Tuesday, May 21, 1889.	F. B. Zay	Findlay	Wm. Chidsey	Cincinnati.
Ontario	St. Catharines, Wednesday, Aug. 14, 1889	E. R. Robinson	London	J. B. King	No. 42 King St. East, Toronto.

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Oregon	McMinnville, Wednesday, May 15, 1889	Charles L. Palmer	Baker City	J. M. Bacon	Oregon City.
Pennsylvania	York, Annual, Tuesday, May 21, 1889; Philadelphia, Semi-annual, Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1889	James P. Robbins	No. 144 North Sixth St., Philadelphia	James B. Nicholson	No. 144 North Sixth St., Philadelphia.
Quebec	Huntingdon, Tuesday, Aug. 20, 1889	J. J. Reed	Box 1175, Montreal	Henry A. Jackson	Box 518, Montreal.
Rhode Island	Providence, Annual, Tuesday, Feb. 5, 1889; Semi-annual, Tuesday, Aug. 6, 1889	Samuel L. Carpenter	Providence	Wm. H. T. Mosley	No. 97 Weybosset St., Providence.
South Carolina	Charleston, Wednesday, May 8, 1889	J. E. Crosby	Newberry	Robert C. Starr	Charleston.
Switzerland		Colestin Stadelmann	Basle	Johann Graber	Steinengraben 41, Basle.
Tennessee	Columbia, Wednesday, Oct. 23, 1889	John L. Nolen	Nashville	John R. Harwell	Nashville.
Texas	Corsicana, Monday, Feb. 4, 1889	Barnett Gibbs	Dallas	C. G. Fahm	Corsicana.
Utah	Salt Lake City, Tuesday, April 16, 1889	H. C. Wardleigh	Ogden	Henry F. Evans	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Montpelier, Wednesday, Feb. 6, 1889	H. W. Hall	Burlington	H. E. Parker	Bradford.
Virginia	Danville, Tuesday, April 9, 1889	A. B. Bowering	Fredericksburg	T. Wiley Davis	Richmond.
Washington	Port Townsend, Tuesday, May 14, 1889	O. C. White	Dayton	Le F. A. Shaw	Walla Walla.
West Virginia	Wheeling, Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1889	Robert Alexander	Volcano	E. A. Billingslea	Box 21, Fairmont.
Wisconsin	Milwaukee, Tuesday, June 4, 1889	T. K. Dunn	Elroy	Richard Hoe,	Jefferson.
Wyoming	Evanston, Tuesday, Oct. 15, 1889	A. G. Rex	Evanston	W. H. Amesbury	Box 575, Laramie City.

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JURISDICTION.	ANNUAL SESSION.	GRAND PATRIARCH.	P. O. ADDRESS.	GRAND SCRIBE.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Alabama	Huntsville, Wednesday, May 15, 1889	E. Erswell	Birmingham	Lee R. McKee	Box 462, Montgomery
Arkansas	Batesville, Tuesday, Oct. 22, 1889	George W. Hurley	Newport	Peter Brugman	Little Rock.
Australasia—					
New South Wales.	Sydney				
South Australia	Adelaide, Tuesday, Feb. 12, 1889	Alfred Leane	Grote St., Adelaide	Henry Anders	2 Pirie St., Adelaide.
Victoria	Melbourne, Tuesday, Feb. 19, 1889.	Hugh McKernan	Queen's Parade, Clifton Hill, Melbourne.	W. R. Mason	Harcourt Parade, Richmond.
California	San Francisco, Tuesday, Oct. 15, 1889	John A. Nace	Santa Clara	W. B. Lyon	I. O. O. F. Hall, San Francisco.
Colorado	Denver, Monday, Oct. 14, 1889	E. L. Dunham	Greeley	J. M. Norman	Denver.
Connecticut	Hartford, Tuesday, Oct. 15, 1889	Lyman S. Burr	New Britain	Frederick Botsford	Draw 5, New Haven.
Dakota	Jamestown, Tuesday, May 21, 1889.	John T. Woolley	Ashton	Ralph R. Briggs	Sioux Falls.
Delaware	Wilmington, Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1889	Edgar C. Pierce	Wilmington	Edwin Hirst	No. 815 Orange St., Wilmington.
District Columbia	Washington, Semi-annual, Tuesday, Jan. 15, 1889; Annual, Tuesday, July 16, 1889	Josiah S. Moffatt	No. 517 Fourth St., S. E., Washington	Joseph Burroughs	No. 513 Seventh St., S. E., Washington.
Florida	St. Augustine, Wednesday, March 20, 1889	A. A. Thompson	Orlando	B. A. Meginniss	Tallahassee.
Georgia	Rome, Tuesday, Aug. 20, 1889	Robert T. Daniel	Griffin	John G. Deitz	Macon.
Idaho	Caldwell, Monday, Oct. 7, 1889	C. S. Scott	Caldwell	W. E. Peck	Ketchum.
Illinois	Springfield, Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1889.	H. C. Feltman	Salem	J. C. Smith	No. 65 Sibley St., Chicago.
Indiana	Indianapolis, Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1889	A. C. Daily	Lebanon	B. F. Foster	Indianapolis.
Iowa	Clarinda, Tuesday, Oct. 15, 1889	W. B. Temple	Atlantic	Wm. Garrett	Burlington.
Kansas	McPherson, Wednesday, March 13, 1889	Alexander Leck	Fort Scott	S. F. Burdett	Leavenworth.
Kentucky	Louisville, Wednesday, Oct. 23, 1889.	J. Frank Grant	Petersburg	William White	Louisville.
Louisiana	New Orleans, Wednesday, Feb. 6, 1889	Wm. Seymour	Draw 383, New Orleans	James Furneaux	Draw 383, New Orleans.
Maine	Portland, Wednesday, Aug. 14, 1889.	Joseph S. Gilliatt	Portland	Benjamin C. Stone	Portland.
Maryland	Baltimore, Monday, Oct. 21, 1889	James H. Copper	Baltimore	John M. Jones	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Boston, Wednesday, Feb. 13, 1889	John P. Loring	Charlestown	Charles D. Cole	Boston.
Michigan	Detroit, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 1889	James M. Crosby	Jackson	E. H. Whitney	Lansing.
Minnesota	Minneapolis, Wednesday, Feb. 20, 1889	J. G. Paschke	Winnebago City	J. Fletcher Williams.	St. Paul.

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Mississippi	Grenada, Tuesday, May 7, 1889	G. W. Trimble	Grenada	Isaac D. Blumenthal.	Holly Springs.
Missouri	St. Louis, Tuesday. Nov. 19, 1889	George E. Acklam	St. Joseph	E. M. Sloan	Box 496, St. Louis.
Montana	Great Falls, Thursday, Oct. 17, 1889.	J. W. Miller	Glendale	A. J. White	Butte City.
Nebraska	Grand Island, Tuesday, Oct. 15, 1889.	C. D. Ayres	Kearney	D. A. Cline	Lincoln.
Nevada	Carson, Monday, June 17, 1889	C. M. Brown	Virginia	B. F. Wallace	Box 262, Virginia City.
New Hampshire	North Conway, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 1889.	George E. Bagley	Nashua	Joseph Kidder	Manchester.
New Jersey	Trenton, Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1889	Levi Holcomb	Ringoes	Lewis Parker	Trenton.
New York	New York City, Tuesday, Feb. 26, 1889	Wm. J. Dyer	No. 853 Broadway, New York City	James Terwilliger	No. 853 Broadway, New York City.
North Carolina	Fayetteville, Wednesday, May 15, 1889	R. B. Kerner	Winston	T. W. Blake	Raleigh.
Ohio	Cincinnati, Tuesday, May 7, 1889	W. S. Bell	Zanesville	James Anderton	Dayton.
Ontario	St. Catharines, Tuesday, Aug. 13, 1889	Abner Fraser	Hamilton	M. D. Dawson	London.
Oregon	McMinnville, Tuesday, May 21, 1889.	A. N. Gambell	Portland	J. M. Bacon	Oregon City.
Pennsylvania	York, Annual, Monday, May 20, 1889; Philadelphia, Semi-annual, Monday, Nov. 18, 1889	M. D. Wiley	Allegheny City	James B. Nicholson	No. 144 North Sixth St., Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	Providence, Wednesday, March 6, 1889	James A. Davis	No. 97 Weybosset St, Providence	Wm. H. T. Mosley	No. 97 Weybosset St., Providence.
Tennessee	———, Tuesday after third Monday, Oct., 1890	James G. Aydelott	Tullahoma	John R. Harwell	Nashville.
Texas	Corsicana, Monday, Feb. 4, 1889	Peter G. Rucker	Belton		
Utah	Salt Lake City, Tuesday, April 16, 1889	Alexander Rogers	Salt Lake City	J. J. Thomas	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Montpelier, Tuesday, Feb. 5, 1889.	J. H. Jones	Bradford	Joseph K. Egerton	Northfield.
Virginia	Fredericksburg, Tuesday, June 4, 1889	A. B. Bowering	Fredericksburg	Wm. W. Sherwood	Alexandria.
Washington	Port Townsend, Monday, May 13, 1889	W. G. Alban	Walla Walla	Le F. A. Shaw	Walla Walla.
West Virginia	Wheeling, Monday, Nov. 18, 1889	John W. Bosworth	Philippi	H. A. Uthman	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	Milwaukee, Tuesday, Feb. 26, 1889.	Richard Hoe	Jefferson	L. B. Hills	Madison.
Wyoming	Evanston, Tuesday, Oct. 15, 1889	Charles Wilseck	Cheyenne	W. H. Amesbury	Box 575, Laramie City.

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The committee refer to Standing and Special Committees, the various matters in the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary.

Report by Rep. Hart, of Mississippi, chairman..... 11,297
Considered and adopted..... 11,297

No. 2. *Dues and Benefits.*

The committee state that, in accordance with the direction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, a pamphlet on the subject of dues and benefits was issued during the recess, and copies sent to all Subordinate Lodges. The opinion is expressed "that this action has had a good effect in educating the membership of the Order to a proper conception of the importance of a proper ratio between dues and benefits, and in order that opportunity may be given for the presentation to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of any further information that may be secured by your Committee, we offer the following: That the Special Committee on Dues and Benefits be continued."

Report by Rep. Campbell, of Ontario, chairman..... 11,336
Considered and adopted..... 11,347

No. 3. *To Investigate Endowment or Insurance Associations of the Order, etc.*

The committee report that such associations exist by virtue of the special or general enactments of the several States, etc.; that the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at session of 1879 authorized members, under certain conditions, to form Endowment Associations; that they are not required to report to the Sovereign Grand Lodge; that they are, generally, relieved of inspection and report by the State, and are not compelled by Grand Lodges to report, etc. The committee fear that the basis of many associations is unsound, consider the matter of great gravity, and submit a resolution: "That the committee be discharged, and that a new committee of five be appointed, to whom this whole subject be referred, and that some reasonable sum of money be appropriated to defray the necessary expenditures of prosecuting its inquiries"

Report by Rep. Hedges, of Ohio..... 11,337
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No. 4. *On the History and Manual of Odd Fellowship.*

The committee submit a brief review of the contents of the work, and close by saying: "We find in the book little to criticise, much to commend, and therefore recommend that the 'History' be cordially indorsed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as invaluable to every member of the Order."

Report by Rep. Jones, of Maryland..... 11,362
Considered and adopted..... 11,395

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No. 5. *On Revision of the German Ritual.*

The committee state that the revision cannot be properly performed during this session, on account of lack of time, and submit a resolution: "That the committee be continued, have leave to sit in vacation, and shall report at the next annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge."

Report by Rep. Block, of Iowa, chairman..... 11,417
Considered and adopted..... 11,417

No. 6. *On a System of Books for Subordinates.*

The committee approve the plan presented in the papers submitted to them, and "recommend to Lodges and Encampments Bro. Posz's system of keeping the books and accounts thereof."

Report by Rep. Grant, of Indiana, chairman..... 11,417
Considered and adopted..... 11,417

No. 7. *On the Death of Past Grand Sire Stokes and others.*

The committee briefly review the career of Bro. Stokes as a citizen and an Odd Fellow, referring to his many years of service in the Order; his ability in all the positions he was called upon to fill, and saying: "He filled a large space in the eye of the Order for over fifty years. His name is written upon its history, and much of its prosperity, growth and standing in the world of civilization, is due to his devotion and his labors." They also say, "It would afford your Special Committee a melancholy pleasure to refer to each of the distinguished dead, whose names are borne on the roll of our departed Past Grand Representatives," and submit resolutions:

"That the sympathies of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the families of our departed Brothers.

"That suitable mourning tablets in honor of, and to perpetuate in the memories of the living, our departed ones, be printed in the Revised Journal of the present session."

Report by Rep. Hedges, of Ohio..... 11,418
Considered and unanimously adopted..... 11,418

No. 8. *On Thanks for Courtesies Received on the Journey to, and during the Session at Los Angeles.*

The committee review the welcome at Chicago, Illinois; Kansas City, Topeka, Wichita, Kansas; Colorado; New Mexico; Arizona; Barstow and San Bernardino, California; refer to the numerous gifts of flowers and fruit on the journey; the many acts of courtesy and kindness received at Los Angeles and places in the vicinity, and submit resolutions tendering the heartfelt thanks of the Sovereign Grand Lodge "to the Odd Fellows and citizens of Chicago, Kansas City, Topeka, Wichita, Las Vegas, Santa Fe, Barstow, San Bernardino and Los Angeles; to the General Executive Committee of the I. O. O. F. of Los Angeles; to the ladies, our beloved Sisters, Daughters of Rebekah, in Los Angeles; to the several rail and motor railways of said city; to the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company; to our Brother, Major Pond; to His Excellency the Governor of California; His Honor the Mayor of Los Angeles; to the Grand Master of California, Bro. R. H. Lloyd, for their greetings of welcome; to the city of San Diego and to the Brotherhood at large, in all Southern California, and to all the people thereof, for all were exceedingly kind and courteous;" also thanking the Turn-Verein Society of Los Angeles, for the use of their hall, and directing the Grand Sec-

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retary "to transmit to said society a complete set of the Revised Journals, suitably bound," and directing "that copies of these resolutions be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the several parties above named."
Report by Rep. Hedges, of Ohio..... 11,445
Considered and unanimously adopted..... 11,445
STANDING COMMITTEES.
APPEALS.
No. 1. *Ed. A Stevens* vs. *Grand Lodge of Minnesota.*
Section 4, Article IV., Constitution of Grand Lodge of Minnesota, provides that "the nomination, election and installation of Grand Officers shall be the last business transacted prior to final adjournment." After the election of Grand Master and fixing the salary of the Grand Secretary, and before the election and installation of Grand Officers had been concluded, Rep. Robert Stratton "moved that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to the retiring Grand Officers for the faithful discharge of their duties, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to purchase a collar and jewel for the retiring Grand Master." The appellant raised the point of order that such action was in conflict with the provisions of Section 4, Article IV., of the Constitution. The Grand Master decided that the motion was in order, as the election and installation of officers had not been completed. The motion of Bro. Stratton was then adopted. The appeal of Bro. Stevens is as to the legality of the proceedings in this case.
The committee say they "are of the opinion that such action of the Grand Lodge in transacting business other than that stated in Section 4, Article IV., Grand Lodge Constitution, after the Grand Lodge had proceeded to the nomination, election and installation of officers, was not unconstitutional, for the reason that the nomination, election and installation of Grand Officers had not been concluded when such motion was considered and adopted by the Grand Lodge." A resolution is submitted that the appeal be dismissed.
Report by Rep. Janes, of Michigan..... 11,243
Considered and adopted..... 11,310
No. 2. *W W. Stell* vs. *Grand Lodge of Texas.*
Wildey Lodge, No. 21, held an election for a Representative to the Grand Lodge of Texas On the third ballot there were three candidates, Bros. Cate, Allen and Manton. After the third ballot, Manton, having the smallest number of votes, was declared dropped, according to the requirements of the Uniform Constitution for Subordinates of the State of Texas, which provides that "should there be no choice on the first ballot, the candidate having the smallest number of votes shall be dropped at the next ballot, and so, on each successive ballot until an election is had." On the fourth ballot Cate received 14 votes, Allen 13, and Manton 1. At the end of the sixth ballot Allen declined to be a candidate. Manton was voted for in the fifth and sixth ballots. The seventh ballot resulted as follows: Cate, 14; Manton, 16, and Manton was declared elected, by the Noble Grand. The Committee on Credentials of the Grand Lodge of Texas could not agree as to the election of Bro. Manton, and Bro. Stell submitted a minority report, claiming that Bro. Cate was elected on the fourth ballot, which was referred to a special committee, who reported a resolution declaring Bro. Manton the duly-

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accredited Representative of Wildey Lodge, which report was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The committee refer to the above section of the Texas law and Section 934 of the Digest, and say that the sections referred to "are conclusive upon the questions presented by this appeal. Bro. Manton's name was properly dropped after the third ballot because he received the smallest number of votes, and the Constitution required that under such circumstances, his name should be dropped as a candidate, and therefore all votes cast for him were void and should have been excluded from the poll. It follows, therefore, that he was not lawfully elected. He received the smallest number of votes on the second ballot, and his name should have been dropped after that ballot." On the fourth ballot "but twenty-seven lawful votes were cast, of which Bro. Cate received the majority and was elected." A resolution is submitted "that the appeal of W. W. Stell from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Texas, in this case, be sustained."

Report by Rep. Brainard, of the District of Columbia 11,244
Considered and adopted 11,310

No. 3. *John T Given* vs. *Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia.*

A motion was made in the Grand Encampment to grant a general dispensation to all Subordinates in the jurisdiction, for one year, "to admit to full membership and confer all the degrees upon candidates for an aggregate sum of not less than five dollars." The Constitution of Subordinates provides a different fee; and the Constitution of the Grand Encampment provides "that an amendment to the Subordinate Constitution must be submitted in writing, and if recommended by a two-third vote, lies over one year, and all the Subordinates must be notified before becoming a law." The motion was ruled out of order, as being an amendment to the Constitution, which could be amended only in the manner prescribed therein. The Encampment overruled the decision of the Grand Patriarch, and adopted the motion by a vote of 28 to 19. The Grand Patriarch declared the motion lost, two thirds not having voted in favor of it. The Grand Encampment reversed the decision, and the motion was declared adopted, and hence the appeal.

The committee held that the Encampment erred in the adoption of the resolution, it being, in effect, an amendment to the Subordinate Constitution, which could not become operative, except in the manner prescribed by said Constitution, which provides the manner and mode for amendments, and declares it shall be by a two-third vote, and therefore a majority vote would be insufficient. A resolution is submitted that the appeal be sustained.

Report by Rep. Comley, of Connecticut 11,246
Considered and adopted 11,310

No 4. *Mrs Addie Pryor* vs. *Grand Lodge of Michigan.*

This is an appeal from the action of the Grand Lodge of Michigan in sustaining Bay Lodge, No. 104, in its refusal to pay benefits due Bro. Edwin Pryor. As no notice of appeal had been given to the Grand Lodge of Michigan, the committee submitted a resolution "that the appeal be dismissed without prejudice to the appellant."

Report by Rep. Comley, of Connecticut 11,247
Considered and adopted 11,310

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No. 5. *James J Ashman, Jr.*, vs *Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.*

Bro. Ashman was expelled from the Order by Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 89, and the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania sustained his appeal "on the ground that the charge was not sustained by the evidence." His Lodge then appealed to the Grand Lodge, and the Committee on the State of the Order reported that they failed to find in the reasons filed in the case "any questions of law, irregularity or improper proceedings that would make it proper or legal to consider the same." The Grand Lodge, in considering this report, had the testimony read, and sustained the action of the Lodge in expelling Bro. Ashman. The Brother then brought this appeal, claiming that the Grand Lodge had no right to overrule the action of its Committee on the State of the Order, and that the action of the Grand Lodge was contrary to the evidence.

The committee say "that the Grand Lodge had the right to overrule the conclusions of the committee if, in the opinion of that Body, those conclusions were erroneous," and that "the evidence in the case should be carefully re-examined by this committee, in order to determine whether or not the case has been fairly and justly decided, and this we are unable to do at this time, because the testimony taken at the trial has not been included in the record before us." A resolution is submitted "that final action on the appeal of Past Grand James J. Ashman, Jr., be postponed until the next session of this Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is hereby required to transmit to this Body all of the testimony taken in the case, or a transcript thereof, for further consideration."

Report by Rep. Brainard, of the District of Columbia..... 11,248
Considered and adopted 11,310

No. 6. *Emile Welte* vs. *Grand Lodge of Manitoba.*

During the consideration of an amendment to the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, Reps. Welte and Benson called for the vote on the proposed amendment to be taken by Lodges. A point of order was then made that Article VIII. of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, granted every member thereof, the right to vote on the amendment. The Grand Master decided the point well taken, and, on appeal, his decision was sustained, and the amendment was adopted. From this action Bro. Welte appealed.

The committee, in construing the provisions of Article VIII. of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, show that "the absolute right to vote, given to members of the Grand Lodge other than Representatives, is confined to the two instances of the election of Grand Officers and amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. Their right to vote on all other motions and resolutions only exists where a vote by Lodges is not called for by two Representatives. The case now under consideration arose on a proposal to amend the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, and not of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba."

The following is submitted: "*Resolved*, That the appeal of Past Grand Emile Welte be sustained, and that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba be directed to proceed in the premises as indicated in the foregoing report"

Report by Rep. Wright, of Pennsylvania..... 11,249
Considered and adopted..... 11,310

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No. 7. *James J Cooper* vs. *Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.*

A resolution was offered in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania "that under Article I., Section 3, of the Constitution, all its committees can only be appointed from the Past Grand Masters and Representatives," etc. The Grand Master ruled the resolution out of order. An appeal from this ruling was made, for the reason that the Grand Lodge "has full power to, at any time, construe the intent and meaning of any law adopted by it." The appeal was ordered to lie on the table, and from this action Bro. Cooper appealed.

The committee say "the power to construe its own laws is vested in the Grand Lodge of each jurisdiction," and express the opinion "that the Grand Master erred in ruling out of order and refusing to submit to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for its action, the resolution offered. To that extent, and without considering the correctness of the proposition contained in the resolution, it is recommended that the appeal of J. J. Cooper be sustained."

Report by Rep. Morris, of Kentucky..... 11,250
Considered and adopted..... 11,311

No. 8. *Harper Wilson* vs. *Grand Lodge of Manitoba.*

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba admitted as a Representative from Turtle Mountain Lodge, No. 15, a Brother who was not a member of said Lodge, although said Lodge had a properly qualified Past Grand. From this action, Bro. Wilson appealed. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge provides that "every Lodge shall elect by ballot, from among its Past Grands in good standing, a Representative or Representatives to the Grand Lodge," and that "any Lodge not having a properly qualified Past Grand, may choose one so qualified, from any other Lodge within the jurisdiction, to represent it in this Grand Lodge for a like period."

The committee say "the words 'properly qualified,' in the opinion of this committee, mean *legally qualified*, and it being conceded that there was such a Past Grand in the Lodge, the condition of affairs under which the Lodge can be permitted to choose a Representative from outside of the Lodge, did not exist." They "submit that the appeal should be sustained and the action of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba reversed."

Report by Rep. Wright, of Pennsylvania..... 11,251
Considered and adopted..... 11,311

No. 9. *John McVay* vs. *Grand Lodge of New Jersey.*

John McVay appealed to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey from the action of his Subordinate Lodge in expelling him. The report of the Judiciary Committee, sustaining his appeal, was amended by the Grand Lodge by ordering that the case be "referred back to the Lodge for a new trial," and from this action, this appeal is brought.

The committee say the case is "still pending in his Subordinate Lodge, and when there again tried and determined, he may, or may not, feel that he has cause of grievance against the Lodge. If then dissatisfied, he can be heard through the regular channels," and recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

Report by Rep. Goodwin, of Georgia..... 11,252
Considered and adopted..... 11,311

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No. 10. *Charles B. R. Colledge* vs. *Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia*

In Beacon Lodge, No. 15, two Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia were to be elected, while there were three candidates in nomination. Fifteen members were present. Fourteen members voted ballots each containing two names, and one member claimed that he voted for two candidates by separate ballots for each, making in all 16 ballots. Objection was made that the ballot was void because there were but 15 members, while there were 16 ballots. The decision of the Noble Grand declaring the ballot legal, was sustained by the Lodge. An appeal was then taken to the Grand Lodge, from whose action this appeal is taken.

The committee say "there does not appear to be any law of the jurisdiction conferring any power upon the Noble Grand to decide how the balloting shall be done. * * * In the absence of any law of the jurisdiction, defining how the ballot shall be taken, where there are more candidates than Representatives to be elected, it is the undoubted right, and the Lodge has the power, to determine the manner of voting, and where it has so determined, any vote cast in a different form would be illegal. In this instance the Lodge had not so determined. * * * While, therefore, the vote of the Brother who put the names on separate pieces of paper was, under the circumstances, irregular, it cannot be said to be illegal or fraudulent. * * * The Grand Lodge erred in holding otherwise." They submit a resolution that the appeal be dismissed.

Report by Rep. Stebbins, of New York 11,252
Considered and adopted 11,311

No. 11. *Newark Lodge, No. 8*, vs. *Grand Lodge of New Jersey.*

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey, in 1886, adopted an amended Grand Lodge Constitution and also an amended uniform Constitution for Subordinates. In accordance with the provisions of the latter Constitution, the elective officers of Newark Lodge, No. 8, were, in January, 1887, installed into office *for one year*. The Grand Master decided that the amended Grand Lodge Constitution could not go into effect until approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge; that the former Constitution was still operative, and as it provided that the terms of Subordinate Lodges consisted of twenty-six regular weekly sessions, commencing July and January, it was in conflict with the Constitution for Subordinates, which provides, Section 1, Article III., "that the elective officers shall serve one year," and also, Section 1, Article VII., that "the regular annual terms shall commence on the first stated meeting in January of each year." He required the Lodge to elect new officers for the term commencing July 1st, which it did, but appealed to the Grand Lodge, which sustained the Grand Master.

The committee say "the Constitution of the Grand Lodge in force was, as held by the Grand Master and Grand Lodge, the old Constitution of 1873. * * * Your committee fail to discover any conflict between the Grand Lodge Constitution of 1873 and the Constitution of Subordinates, adopted in 1886. The one relates solely to the length of the *terms* of Subordinate Lodges, while the other relates solely to the length of the *term* the officers of the Lodges shall serve in their respective offices.

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* * * Section 1 of Article VII. refers to and is a guide to the Lodge in carrying out the requirements of Section 4 of Article X. of the Grand Lodge Constitution. It has no reference to Section 3 of Article X., which defines the *terms* of Subordinates, but to the *annual* term, when the annual report is to be made, as required by the last-named section. While ordinarily, the terms of Subordinate Lodges and the tenure of office of Subordinate Lodge officers may, for convenience, run parallel with each other, covering the same period of time, yet there is no such necessary connection between them, as places them in conflict where they do not." A resolution is offered "that the appeal of Newark Lodge, No. 8, be sustained."

Report by Rep. Stebbins, of New York, chairman..... 11,254

Considered and adopted..... 11,311

No. 12. *George Pascoe* vs. *Grand Encampment of Montana.*

In this appeal, the legality of the election and the eligibility of Willden Pinkham, as Grand Representative, are questioned by the appellant, who was Bro Pinkham's competitor in said election. He alleges that Bro. Pinkham was not entitled to the rank of Past Grand, having served but twelve nights as Noble Grand; that at Bro. Pinkham's election as Noble Grand a Past Grand was present who did not decline to accept the office; that five of the votes cast in the Grand Encampment in the election for Grand Representative were by members who had no right to seats or votes therein.

The committee say "the objection to the votes of the five members above referred to is not well taken, for the reason that the Grand Encampment of Montana, at the same session that the election for Grand Representative occurred, treated the Encampment of which they were members, as in good standing with said Grand Encampment. Besides, there is no evidence presented as to how or for whom said members voted in said election, and no allegation that they voted for Bro. Pinkham. The objection that Bro Pinkham had served but twelve nights as Noble Grand is not well taken, as his election thereto did not take place until after the expiration of seven meeting-nights of the term, and was for the remainder of said term, and was also by virtue of a dispensation issued by the Grand Master authorizing his election. * * * Bro. Pinkham's election as Noble Grand was legal and certainly not subject to attack collaterally, as attempted by the appellant in this case. In view of the legal presumptions in favor of the regularity of official acts and proceedings, that the Lodge had applied for and obtained a dispensation authorizing the election, and no objection having been made, or question raised as to the application or election, a clear case should be made, before the election should be declared illegal and its effects nullified." A resolution is submitted that the appeal be dismissed.

Report by Rep. Goodwin, of Georgia..... 11,255

Considered and adopted..... 11,311

No. 13. *Samuel F Gwinner* vs *Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.*

Joseph M. Carleton, a member of Mountain Home Lodge, No. 684, appealed from the action of the said Lodge in declining to pay him sick benefits from July 2d, 1887, to September 28th, 1887, because the Brother stated, at the time of his admission to membership, (1868,) that he was not suffering from any disease, yet he is drawing a pension from the United

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States Government for the same disease, contracted in the army during the late war, for which he now claims benefits; his claim for the pension being supported by his affidavit that his disease was contracted in the army during the late war. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania sustained the Lodge, and from this action the appeal was taken.

The committee say "after careful consideration of the questions presented by the appeal, we are of opinion that the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was justified by the facts of the case, and that the findings of the Committee on Appeals and the Committee on the State of the Order were correct," and recommend "that the appeal be dismissed."

Report by Rep. Morris, of Kentucky..... 11,256
Considered and adopted 11,311

No. 14. *George Dean, P. G. M.*, vs. *Grand Lodge of Michigan.*

Sebewa Lodge, No. 351, asked permission from its Grand Lodge to solicit aid from the Lodges in the same jurisdiction, for the relief of one of its members. When the report, granting the request, came before the Grand Lodge, a point of order was raised that the decisions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge did not permit the solicitation of contributions from Lodges to aid *individual members*. The Grand Master overruled the point of order, and from the action of the Grand Lodge, sustaining his decision, this appeal is taken.

The committee say "it is one of the fundamental and imperative duties of our Order to relieve our distressed and needy Brethren, and it seems to your committee that to deny or abridge the right of a Grand Jurisdiction to grant her Subordinates such request, in proper and meritorious cases, would deal a blow at one of the most cherished and humane tenets of this great Brotherhood. Besides this, the several Grand Jurisdictions are separate and independent Bodies, and have full power, within the scope of the principles of the Order, to legislate and do all things necessary to carry out the objects of the Order. * * * The action of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, in sustaining her presiding officer, was right, and the appeal is without merit." A resolution is submitted that the appeal be dismissed.

Report by Rep. Kenner, of Indiana..... 11,299
Considered and adopted 11,312

No. 15. *William H. Weldon* vs. *Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces.*

This case was before the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1886 and 1887, but was not heard. for want of a complete record. Bro. Weldon obtained a Withdrawal Card from Western Star Lodge, No. 16, and deposited it in Pioneer Lodge, in the same jurisdiction. The consent of Western Star Lodge to admit Bro. Weldon was asked by Pioneer Lodge, but refused, and on application to the Grand Master, Bro. Weldon was referred to the D. D. Grand Master, who decided the Brother barred because his appeal from the action of Western Star Lodge was not taken within four weeks. The Grand Lodge sustained the Deputy.

The committee express the opinion that the action of the Deputy and the subsequent action of the Grand Lodge thereon, were erroneous; that the cases in which the right of appeal is limited to four weeks "clearly mean cases tried in the Subordinate Lodge, while this, at most, was merely a grievance;" and say "in the absence of local law, any Brother can deposit

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a Withdrawal Card, and a Lodge receive him, without asking consent of the Lodge granting the same. The only requirement which is imperative, is that he must reside in the jurisdiction or territory of the Lodge which he proposes to join, and it was not necessary for the consent of Western Star Lodge, in order that Pioneer Lodge might receive Bro. Weldon in this instance." The following is submitted: "That the appeal of Bro. William H. Weldon from the action of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces be dismissed, and that inasmuch as the time consumed in litigation has permitted the card to expire, his card shall have vitality as of the date the same was deposited in Pioneer Lodge."

Report by Rep. Kenner, of Indiana..... 11,300
Considered and adopted..... 11,312

No. 16. *Friendship Lodge, No. 20,* vs. *Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.*

Friendship Lodge, No. 20, Cambridgeport, refused to pay a bill rendered against it by Mutual Relief Lodge, No. 83, Haverhill, for watchers, paid by it for nursing a member of said Friendship Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts sustained the claim, and directed Friendship Lodge to pay to Mutual Relief Lodge the amount paid for the service of watching.

The committee say "it is not denied by Friendship Lodge that the condition of the Brother, in this case, was such as to require the hiring of a nurse under the provisions of said By-Law. (Section 2 of Article IV.) Neither is it denied that if he had been sick in reach of, or within the jurisdiction of his Lodge (Friendship, No. 20), watchers would have been provided and paid, as usual in such cases. * * * No question appears to have been raised by Friendship Lodge as to the amount in controversy being exorbitant, or more in the aggregate than would have been allowed if the member had been cared for by it. * * * It is therefore, the opinion of your committee that the action of said Lodge, in refusing to pay Mutual Relief Lodge the amount claimed, is neither in accordance with the law or the equity involved in this case." They submit a resolution "that the appeal of Friendship Lodge, No. 20, be dismissed and the action of said Grand Lodge be sustained."

Report by Rep. Kuykendall, of Wyoming..... 11,301
Considered and adopted..... 11,312

No. 17. *Mrs. Auguste Haefke* vs. *Grand Lodge of California.*

Woodland Lodge, No. 111, refused to pay Mrs. Haefke the amount directed by the following By-Law of said Lodge, viz.: "The widow of a Brother who, at the time of his death, was in good standing and entitled to benefits, shall receive from his Lodge one hundred dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly, as long as she remains a widow of an Odd Fellow and maintains a good character," because her husband had maintained unlawful relations with her prior to their marriage, and for other conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, and the Grand Lodge sustained the decision of Woodland Lodge.

The committee say "if this appellant was the widow of John Haefke, and he was in good standing in the Lodge at the time of his death, the law entitles her to the benefits. These two facts constitute the only conditions to the founding of a

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claim. That both existed is admitted. No conduct on her part, prior to her husband's death, can affect her right under this law; and while his bad conduct might have subjected him to charges, trial, conviction and expulsion, yet as he died with no charges preferred against him, and in good financial standing in the Lodge, his widow is entitled to the benefits," and "there is not the slightest evidence, nor the pretense of an allegation, that since her husband's death, the appellant has done anything to forfeit her claim to the benefits she became entitled to when he died." The following resolutions are submitted:

"That the appeal of Mrs. Auguste Haefke from the action of the Grand Lodge of California, in sustaining the action of Woodland Lodge, No. 111, I. O. O. F., in refusing the benefits claimed by the appellant, be and is hereby sustained.

"That the Grand Lodge of California be directed to cause Woodland Lodge, No. 111, I. O O. F., to pay to Mrs. Auguste Haefke, within sixty days from this date, the amount of benefits due her according to this opinion and decree."

Report by Rep. Wright, of Pennsylvania..... 11,302
Considered and adopted 11,312

No. 18. *George Ireland Beale* vs. *Nevada Lodge, No. 7.*

The appellant was expelled by said Lodge, and forwarded a paper addressed to "the Grand Master of the Sovereign Grand Lodge."

The committee say "that it is not an appeal upon which they can act, having no jurisdiction of matters coming up in that manner," and ask "to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject."

Report by Rep, Stebbins, of New York, chairman 11,319
Considered and adopted..... 11,345

No. 19. *T B. Robinson* vs. *Grand Lodge of California.*

The appeal is from the action of the Grand Lodge of California, in sustaining Templar Lodge, No. 17, in its refusal to pay benefits from July 2d, 1879, to June 20th, 1883

The committee say "two points are made by the Lodge against the claim of Bro. Robinson to benefits: *First* That he is not so disabled by sickness or bodily infirmity as to be unable to earn a livelihood. *Second.* That when he joined the Lodge he had asthma in such fixed and chronic form as to impair his health to that extent that made his statement, when he joined the Lodge, that he was in 'good health,' false, and that he intentionally concealed it." As to the first point, the committee say "that he is in some degree afflicted with disease, is conceded by all. The only point of controversy is, is it to such a degree as to render him incapable of pursuing his usual occupation, or otherwise earning a livelihood? Upon this question the greater amount of testimony in the case is offered * * * The Committee of Investigation found that he was not so disabled. The Lodge sustained that finding, and the Grand Lodge has affirmed it. * * * Your committee do not deem it within their province, within the well-settled law of this Grand Body, to disturb the findings of the tribunals below, that had the witnesses before them. Especially when, as in this case, the great preponderance of the testimony is in favor of these findings. They therefore sustain the findings upon this point." As to the second point, the committee say "it appears that the asthmatic difficulty under which he

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had labored was not constitutional; that it was uniformly produced by a local exciting cause. * * * When the questions in the question-book were answered, he told the Outside Conductor that he had had spasmodic asthma. * * * Your committee therefore conclude that there was no concealment or fraud practiced by Bro. Robinson in gaining admission to Templar Lodge." The following resolutions were submitted:

"That the action and decision of Templar Lodge and the Grand Lodge of California, in the matter of the appeal of Bro. Robinson—finding and deciding that he gained admission to the Lodge through a fraudulent concealment of his health—be reversed.

"That the action and decision of the Grand Lodge in sustaining the decision of the Committee of Investigation and Templar Lodge—that Bro. Robinson was not so disabled by bodily sickness, or other infirmity, from pursuing his ordinary business, or otherwise earning a livelihood—be sustained."

Report by Rep. Stebbins, of New York, chairman..... 11,376
Considered and postponed..... 11,400
Considered again, in connection with minority report (No. 20), and majority report adopted..... 11,401

No. 20. *T. B. Robinson* vs. *Grand Lodge of California. Minority Report.*

The minority say they "find themselves unable to agree with the majority of the committee," and submit "that Bro Robinson did not have a fair and impartial hearing before Templar Lodge, on account of proper evidence for him having been ruled out, and improper evidence against him being admitted. We further firmly believe, that during the time that Bro. Robinson claims benefits, he was sick and unable to earn a livelihood without running the gauntlet with death whenever he attempted it, and that he was entitled to benefits from July 2d, 1879, to July 25th, 1883." A resolution is submitted "that the Grand Lodge of California, or the Grand Master thereof (in the interim), be ordered to require Templar Lodge, No. 17, of the jurisdiction of California, to pay, within sixty days from the time of the official notice to it by the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, of this action, benefits to Bro. T. B. Robinson, at the rate fixed by law in said Lodge at that time, from July 2d, 1879, to July 25th, 1883."

Report by Rep. Kenner, of Indiana..... 11,381
Considered and postponed..... 11,400
Considered again, in connection with majority report (No. 19), and majority report adopted..... 11,401

CONSTITUTIONS.

No. 1. Amended Constitutions of the Grand Lodges of Ohio and Dakota. Approved.

Report by Rep. Shaw, of Washington..... 11,298
Considered and adopted..... 11,311

No. 2. By-Laws of Concorde Lodge, No. 1, France; Valdemar Encampment, No. 1, Knud Lavard Encampment, No 2, Niels Ebbesens Encampment, No 3, Denmark; Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 6, Independence Degree Lodge, No 2, Daughters of Rebekah, Indian Territory; Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 1, Saskatchewan, and Hidalgo Encampment, No. 1, Mexico, were amended and approved.

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Amended By-Laws of Las Vegas Encampment, No. 2, New Mexico; Cyclone Lodge, No. 3, Indian Territory; Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, Sandwich Islands; By-Laws of South Canadian Lodge, No 8, Indian Territory; and amended Constitutions of the Grand Lodges of Colorado, Virginia and Missouri. Approved.

Report by Rep Oliver, of Ontario, chairman..... 11,320
Considered and adopted..... 11,345

No. 3. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, and amended By-Laws of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Islands. Approved.

Report by Rep. Oliver, of Ontario, chairman..... 11,321
Considered and adopted..... 11,345

No. 4. Amended Constitutions of the Grand Encampment of Kansas, and the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Michigan. Approved.

Report by Rep. Bradshaw, of Mississippi.. 11,322
Considered and adopted..... 11,345

No. 5. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas. Approved.

Report by Rep. Henry, of Vermont..... 11,322
Considered and adopted..... 11,345

No. 6. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ontario. Approved.

Report by Rep. Henry, of Vermont..... 11,322
Considered and adopted 11,345

No. 7. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. Approved.

Report by Rep. Henry, of Vermont..... 11,322
Considered and adopted..... 11,345

No. 8. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. Approved.

Report by Rep. Sheridan, of Ohio..... 11,323
Considered and adopted..... 11,345

No. 9. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Georgia. Approved.

Report by Rep. Sheridan, of Ohio..... 11,323
Considered and adopted..... 11,346

No. 10. Constitution and By-Laws of Pacific Degree Lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah, Sandwich Islands. Approved.

Report by Rep. Deubert, of New York..... 11,335
Considered and adopted..... 11,347

No. 11. Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Idaho. Approved.

Report by Rep. Edwards, of North Carolina..... 11,336
Considered and adopted..... 11,347

No. 12. Amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Florida.

The committee say as "the Grand Scribe of Florida has failed to certify to the alleged amendments," and the seal is not attached, they submit a resolution "that the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Florida be referred to the Grand Scribe of Florida for proper certification, as required by Section 238, Digest."

Report by Rep. Sheridan, of Ohio..... 11,336
Considered and adopted 11,347

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No. 13. Amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Texas. Amended and approved.
Report by Rep. Oliver, of Ontario, chairman..... 11,365
Considered and adopted..... 11,395

No. 14. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas. Amended and approved.
Report by Rep Lee, of Maryland..... 11,365
Considered and adopted..... 11,396

No. 15. Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico. Amended and approved.
Report by Rep Lee, of Maryland..... 11,366
Considered and adopted..... 11,396

No. 16. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. Approved.
Report by Rep. Whipple, of Iowa..... 11,366
Considered and adopted..... 11,396

No. 17. Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Utah. Amended and approved.
Report by Rep. Whipple, of Iowa..... 11,366
Considered and adopted..... 11,396

No. 18. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. Approved.
Report by Rep. Whipple, of Iowa..... 11,368
Considered and adopted..... 11,396

No. 19. Amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Iowa. Approved.
Report by Rep. Whipple, of Iowa..... 11,369
Considered and adopted..... 11,397

No. 20. By-Laws of Gila Encampment, No. 3, Arizona. Approved.
Report by Rep. Shaw, of Washington..... 11,374
Considered and adopted..... 11,399

No. 21. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Florida. Approved.
Report by Rep. Lee, of Maryland..... 11,416
Considered and adopted..... 11,416

CREDENTIALS.

No. 1. The committee report on the credentials received from Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, submitting a list of the names of Representatives whose credentials they find correct. They also state that "the credentials of Willden Pinkham, P. G. P, of Montana, appear in regular form under the seal of the Grand Encampment, and signatures of the officers of the Grand Encampment, and with the accompanying appeal from Bro. George Pascoe, P. G, to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which we respectfully submit for consideration."
Report by Rep. Ruby, of Maryland, chairman..... 11,088
Considered, and the portion relating to the credentials of Bro. Willden Pinkham, of Montana, was recommitted, and the remainder of the report was adopted..... 11,090

No. 2. The committee report the credentials of Willden Pinkham, P. G. P., of Montana, in proper form, and recommend that he be accredited as a Representative.
Report by Rep. Ruby, of Maryland, chairman..... 11,224
Considered and adopted..... 11,224

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No. 3. On the credentials of Montie B. Gwinn, P. G. M., from the Grand Encampment of Idaho, and Alexander Rogers, G. P., from the Grand Encampment of Utah, the committee find them correct and "recommend that they be accredited as Representatives from each respective jurisdiction."

Report by Rep. Ruby, of Maryland, chairman 11,258
Considered and adopted 11,258

DEGREE OF REBEKAH

No. 1. The committee report having considered the resolution of Rep. Taber, of Massachusetts and submit the following: "That the jewel for the Financial Secretary of a Rebekah Degree Lodge shall be the same, in size and form, as the jewel for the Secretary, without the word underneath it."

Report by Rep. Gibson, of Nebraska 11,361
Considered and adopted 11,394

No. 2. On the memorials and petitions of the Daughters of Rebekah of several States, asking permission to hold a general convention, etc, the committee submit a resolution "that permission is hereby given for holding a General Convention of the Daughters of Rebekah, at the time and place of the next annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the several State and Grand Jurisdictions may choose, by convention or otherwise, lady delegates, not exceeding four from each State or Grand Jurisdiction, to such General Convention."

Report by Rep. Jewell, of New Hampshire, chairman 11,361
Considered in connection with minority report (No. 10), and majority report adopted 11,394, 11,395

No. 3. On the resolution of Rep. Hedges, of Ohio, "asking that permission be granted to Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah to place on the floor, after the Ritual Work has been completed, such Beautified Work as they may wish," the committee report "that unless the additions to the Work desired be submitted to the committee, it is impossible for us to determine whether such additions would be beneficial or not." They believe that to grant the request would tend to destroy uniformity in the Work of the degree, and "are further of the opinion that the authority already given, in this line (*see* Rebekah Ritual, page 8), is all that is expedient, unless there be an entire revision of the Work of this degree," and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. Mack, of Nevada 11,361
Considered and adopted 11,395

No. 4. The committee recommend the adoption of the resolution of Rep. Dutemple, of Rhode Island, "that it shall be lawful for Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, whenever their regular meetings fall upon legally established or generally recognized holidays, to omit such sessions."

Report by Rep. Clark, of Minnesota 11,362
Considered and adopted 11,395

No. 5. On that portion of the Grand Sire's report, pages 11,122 and 11,123, relating to the Degree of Rebekah, and also on the resolution of Rep. Dilks, of New York, as to con-

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ferring said degree in Subordinate Lodges, the committee submit the following: "That hereafter the Degree of Rebekah shall only be conferred by Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah; that all laws requiring elective officers in Subordinate Lodges to have obtained the Degree of Rebekah be and are hereby repealed."

Report by Rep Jewell, of New Hampshire, chairman..... 11,363
Considered and adopted..... 11,395

No. 6. On the proposed Burial Ceremony for Lodges of Sorrow, the committee say "the form of Burial Ceremony for Daughters of Rebekah, adopted at the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at Denver, is all that seems to be required. * * * The adoption of the form of Burial Service submitted by Rep. Henry, of Vermont, is inexpedient."

Report by Rep. Jewell of New Hampshire, chairman..... 11,363
Considered and adopted..... 11,395

No. 7. The committee submit a resolution approving decisions of the Grand Sire, Nos. 1, 2. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 (pages 11,094, 11,095), and recommend the adoption of Decision 8 (page 11,094), when amended by placing the words "or Dismissal Certificate" after the words "Withdrawal Card," in the fifth line of said decision.

Report by Rep. Crichlow, of Tennessee..... 11,364
Considered and adopted..... 11,395

No. 8. On the request of Naomi Degree Lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah, of the District of Columbia, that the Degree of Rebekah shall be conferred only in Rebekah Degree Lodges, the committee say "that the subject of the request has been already submitted in a former report, and therefore further action of the committee on the matter is unnecessary."

Report by Rep Jewell, of New Hampshire, chairman..... 11,364
Considered and adopted..... 11,395

No. 9. On the resolution of Rep. Powers, of Iowa, relating to a Beautified Work for the Degree of Rebekah, the committee say they "are convinced that there is in the Rebekah Lodges a desire for an official Beautified Work to insure uniformity in the Work of that degree," and submit a resolution "that a committee of five be appointed to examine the various beautified forms of Work in use, and those that may be presented to them, and determine whether it is advisable for this Body to adopt an official Beautified Work for that degree, and report at the next session of this Grand Body, and that the same be done without expense to this Sovereign Grand Lodge"

Report by Rep Mack, of Nevada..... 11,364
Considered and *not adopted*..... 11,395

No. 10. *Minority Report* On the memorials and petitions of the Daughters of Rebekah from several States, for authority to hold a General Convention.

A resolution is submitted "that it is not deemed wise, necessary nor expedient to grant the legislation asked for, and that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject."

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Report by Rep. Crichlow, of Tennessee..... 11,365
Considered in connection with majority report (No. 2), and majority report adopted..... .....11,394, 11,395
No. 11. On "the request from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, for the adoption of a proper Working Sign and Pass Word for the use of Daughters of Rebekah in their State Conventions," the committee report "that in their judgment the adoption of such Working Sign and Pass Word, at this session, is inexpedient."
Report by Rep. Jewell, of New Hampshire, chairman..... 11,403
Considered and adopted..... 11,403
DRAWING FOR SEATS.
No. 1. The committee submit a statement of the numbers of the desks assigned to Representatives, as the result of the drawing.
Report by Rep. Loeb, of Montana, chairman..... 11,090
Considered and adopted..... 11,090
FINANCE.
No. 1. The report of the Sub-Committee on Finance on the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer is presented, showing the receipts and disbursements during the year, balance on hand, assets of the Grand Lodge, etc.
Report by Rep. Mucklé, of Pennsylvania..... 11,304
Considered and adopted..... 11,312
No. 2. Submitting sundry bills, with a resolution authorizing the Grand Secretary to draw warrants in favor of the persons named in the report.
Report by Rep. Randall, of California, chairman..... 11,386
Considered and adopted..... 11,401
No. 3. The committee submit estimates of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending August 20th, 1889, with resolutions authorizing the payment of the appropriations, and providing for the investment of surplus funds, and the transfer and sale of securities if necessary.
Report by Rep. Randall, of California, chairman..... 11,387
Considered and adopted..... 11,401
No. 4. Adversely to the resolution "that the tax paid to the Sovereign Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of New Mexico for the year 1887, be refunded to said Grand Lodge, inasmuch as the Representative from said jurisdiction was not able to be present at the session held in the city of Denver, in the year 1887."
Report by Rep. Dunbar, of Washington..... 11,412
Considered and adopted..... 11,412
No. 5. The committee report on the claim of Bro. L. Bourdonnay, of New York for expenses incurred in instituting Concorde Lodge, No. 1, Havre, France, that at the session of 1887 an appropriation of three hundred and fifty dollars was made; that they concur in the opinion of the Committee on Finance, at the last session, that the claim of one thousand dollars is excessively large, but in view of all the circumstances, in addition to the appropriation in 1887, they "recommend the payment of the further sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, which, when received by Bro. Bourdonnay, shall be in full satisfaction and payment of all demands due him on this claim."

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Report by Rep. Makemson, of Texas..... 11,412
Considered and adopted..... 11,412

No. 6. Adversely to the application of the Grand Encampment of Virginia for the refunding of the Representative tax of 1881 paid by that Grand Body, on the ground that the Representative elect, E. B. Branch, failed to attend the session in that year, saying "in this age of fast mails and telegraph lines, if a Representative finds that his business affairs prevent his attending the Sovereign Grand Lodge, there is time to resign, and for a successor to be appointed. In this case no other reason is given for failure to attend, than that business prevented."

Report by Rep. Carlin, of Illinois..... 11,413
Considered and adopted..... 11,413

No. 7. On the claim of the Grand Lodge of Florida for the mileage and per diem paid by that Grand Lodge to Joaquin Lancis, Representative of Cuba Lodge, No. 3, Havana, Cuba, at the session of April, 1887. The committee find that the said Lodge, during the short time it was under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Florida, had not paid any dues to the said Body, and as the Sovereign Grand Lodge had resumed jurisdiction over Cuba Lodge, No. 3, a resolution is submitted "that the sum of $69.85 be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Grand Lodge of Florida, and the Grand Secretary is authorized to draw his warrant upon the Grand Treasurer for the same."

Report by Rep. Carlin, of Illinois..... 11,413
Considered and adopted..... 11,413

No. 8. The committee submit a resolution "that the amount of $70.74 received from Subordinate Encampments of Idaho, from January 1st, 1888, to August 6th, 1888 (the date of institution of the Grand Encampment), be transferred to the credit of the Grand Encampment of Idaho."

Report by Rep. Carlin, of Illinois..... 11,413
Considered and adopted..... 11,413

No. 9. Resolutions are submitted as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the action of the Grand Treasurer in transferring the bank account from the National Farmers' and Planters' Bank, of Baltimore, Md., to the National Security Bank, of Philadelphia, Pa., be and the same is hereby approved, and that the resolution heretofore adopted by this Grand Body, designating the National Farmers' and Planters' Bank, of Baltimore, Md., as the depository of the funds of this Grand Body, be and the same is hereby repealed, and that the National Security Bank, of Philadelphia, Pa., be and the same is hereby designated as such depository.

"*Resolved*, That the action of the Grand Treasurer in transferring the United States bonds, the property of this Grand Lodge, from the Safe Deposit Company, of Baltimore, Md., to the Northern Savings Fund and Safe Deposit Company, of Philadelphia, Pa, be and the same is hereby approved, and that the resolution of this Grand Lodge, designating the Safe Deposit Company, of Baltimore, Md., as the depository for the United States bonds of this Grand Lodge, be and the same is hereby repealed, and that the Northern Savings Fund and Safe Deposit Company, of Philadelphia, Pa., be and is hereby designated as

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the depository of the United States bonds, the property of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I O. O. F."
Report by Rep. Blanks, of Virginia..... 11,414
Considered and adopted..... 11,414
No. 10. The committee report that they examined the account of the Lieutenant General for the fiscal year ending August 31st, 1888; submit a statement of the receipts, expenditures, assets and liabilities, and say "it is gratifying for your committee to be able to state that the organization of Patriarchs Militant, from the date of its inception to the present day, has been at no expense to the Sovereign Grand Lodge whatever; on the contrary, according to the accounts of Grand Secretary Theo. A. Ross, it appears that the profit accruing to the treasury of the Sovereign Grand Lodge has aggregated to September 1st, 1888, the sum of $1,832.92."
Report by Rep. Mucklé, of Pennsylvania..... 11,414
Considered and adopted..... 11,414
No. 11. A resolution is submitted, authorizing the Grand Secretary to draw warrants in favor of Isaac A Sheppard, mileage, Committee on Printing Supplies, $19.60; I. Willenberg, services as janitor, etc , $34.
Report by Rep. Randall, of California, chairman..... 11,416
Considered and adopted..... 11,416
No. 12. Approving the bond of the Grand Secretary as ample.
Report by Rep. Randall, of California, chairman..... 11,442
Considered and adopted..... 11,442
FOREIGN RELATIONS.
No. 1. Concerning the Order in Switzerland, the committee report that "there has been an increase of membership—it is small, but we see in it a hopeful assurance for the future. There has also been an Encampment instituted at Zurich." As to granting permission to work by the rules of the Lodges under the German Empire, they say "that this could best and most readily be accomplished by an affiliation of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland with the Grand Lodge of the German Empire." When the proposition for consolidation is presented and properly formulated, the committee say "it should receive careful consideration."
Report by Rep. Phister, of Kentucky..... 11,356
Considered and adopted..... 11,394
No. 2. The committee comment on the difficulties existing in Cuba, and say "the transfer of Cuba Lodge, No. 3, and Regla Lodge, No. 6, from the D. D. Grand Sire to the jurisdiction of Florida, a movement made in the interest of peace and for the purpose of clearing away the difficulty which seemed to retard the progress and growth of our Order in the Island of Cuba, has met with no favor from the Grand Lodge of Florida, and that jurisdiction has refused to accept the care and control of said Cuba Lodge, No. 3, and Regla Lodge, No 6, and compelling the Grand Sire to issue an order, declaring these Lodges to be under the immediate jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge. The hostility to the D. D. Grand Sire, Bro. Jose Antonio Lopez, has, in no wise, abated." To place these Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Florida,

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the committee say, "would be unwise and impolitic." With reference to the organization of a Grand Lodge for Cuba, with a less number of Lodges than is required by existing law, the committee "are unwilling to recommend any change or relaxation of law," and submit resolutions "that all orders placing Lodges of the Island of Cuba under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Florida, be and the same are hereby rescinded, and the Lodges of Cuba are hereby declared to be under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge; that the correspondence touching the appointment of the present D. D. Grand Sire be referred to the incoming Grand Sire, and that he be governed in the matter of appointment of a Deputy for Cuba, with a view to the selection of some one who will be acceptable to the Lodges in that Island."

Report by Rep. Barry, of Tennessee..... 11,356
Considered and adopted..... 11,394

No. 3. On the petition of Veritas Lodge, No. 2, of Sweden, asking the remission of dues, the committee say "its members have enthusiastically accepted the principles and teachings of the Order, and are earnestly striving for their establishment, but if our Fraternity is to live and grow in Sweden, it will need the fostering care and kindly offices of this Sovereign Grand Lodge." A resolution is submitted "that the request of Veritas Lodge, No. 2, of Sweden, for the remission of dues, be and the same is hereby granted."

Report by Rep. Petty, of the District of Columbia..... 11,357
Considered and adopted..... 11,394

No. 4. The committee state that they have examined all parts of the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary relating to the Order in Australasia, as well as the petition from the Grand Lodge of said jurisdiction, praying for an amended Grand Charter investing the Grand Lodge of Australasia with the powers and privileges heretofore granted to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire. They say, that while the Order has increased in membership, a great loss has been sustained by the deaths of Bros. Hugh Ross, Past Grand Master, of Victoria, and William Stirling, Past Grand Sire The committee are pleased to report "that a warm feeling of affection for American Odd Fellowship exists in Australasia; that the course and policy of this Sovereign Grand Lodge are now fully understood and appreciated." The action heretofore had in regard to the request for an amended Charter is presented, and the committee say they now "find that said Grand Lodge of the Grand Jurisdiction of Australasia has complied with the conditions prescribed in the resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and that to carry out the promise of the said resolution," the committee submit resolutions containing, in effect, the stipulations in the agreement, etc., with the Grand Lodge of the German Empire in 1884 (Journal, 9653–9660).

Report by Rep. Block, of Iowa..... 11,357
Considered and adopted..... 11,394

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No. 5. On the Order in the Netherlands, the committee report "that the Lodges already organized are working harmoniously and increasing in numbers, and we note with pleasure the application for a Charter for a Lodge to be located at Zutphen, and the hopefulness of D. D. Grand Sire Hen, that if this Lodge prospers, the future of the Order in the Netherlands is assured."

Report by Rep Barnes, of the Lower Provinces..... 11,360
Considered and adopted..... 11,394

No. 6. Concerning the Order in Chile, the committee say "the Order in this jurisdiction has been steadily retrograding for several years. It was expected that the election of Bro. Gonzales to the position of Grand Master, would have the effect to harmonize all discord existing in that unfortunate jurisdiction. But such has not been the case, and that worthy and zealous Brother, after a vain struggle, at last gave up the fight." They mention the fact that there are now four Lodges, two new ones having been organized by Bro. Carlos J. Holm, D. D. Grand Sire, and "believe that for the present it will be for the best interest of the jurisdiction to work under the immediate supervision of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, trusting that by the next meeting of this Grand Lodge there will be a marked improvement in the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction.

Report by Rep De Mars, of South Carolina..... 11,360
Considered and adopted..... 11,394

No. 7. On the correspondence with D D. Grand Sire W. J. De Gress, of Mexico, the committee report that they "find nothing therein contained requiring any action on the part of this Sovereign Grand Lodge. We find that the Encampment Branch of the Order is giving great satisfaction, and infusing new life and activity in the ranks of the Subordinate Lodges," and "feel assured that this coming year will be a prosperous one, as far as our Order is concerned, in Mexico."

Report by Rep. Whepley, of Arizona..... 11,369
Considered and adopted..... 11,397

No. 8. On the correspondence with D D. Grand Sire W. E. Foster and others from the Sandwich Islands, the committee, referring to the trouble over the appointment of D. D. Grand Sire, "trust that whoever the Grand Sire may appoint, from year to year, will receive the hearty support of the members in the above jurisdiction. While there has not been any material increase in membership, still the Lodges are in good financial condition."

Report by Rep. Whepley, of Arizona..... 11,369
Considered and adopted..... 11,397

No. 9. On the application from Denmark for a Charter for an Independent Grand Lodge, to be composed of the Kingdoms of Denmark, Sweden and Norway. the committee say "that when the consent of all parties in interest shall have been obtained, the creation of the proposed Scandinavian Grand Lodge, with restrictions and limitations similar to those of the agreement made with the Grand Lodge of Germany, would be a step in the right direction," and submit a resolution "that before proceeding

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further in the matter of the request of the Grand Lodge of Denmark for the creation of an Independent Grand Lodge, to be composed of the Kingdoms of Denmark, Sweden and Norway, that the Grand Lodge of Denmark be required to obtain the consent of Amicitia Lodge, No. 3 (Sweden). thereto, and report the same to this Sovereign Grand Lodge"

Report by Rep. Petty, of the District of Columbia..... 11,369
Considered and adopted..... 11,397

No. 10. The committee say "it seems that in Peru there are three Lodges, having a membership of 138 on December 31st, 1887. * * * The Encampment has again elected officers and resumed work. Financial depression and 'hard times' have operated against the rapid extension of our Order in Peru, but the Brotherhood seem to be filled with the true spirit of Odd Fellowship."

Report by Rep. Rae, of Ontario..... 11,370
Considered and adopted 11,397

No. 11. The committee report that in France "Odd Fellowship is not only maintaining the foothold it has attained, but is making progress. Concorde Lodge, No. 1, had, on December 31st, 1887, a membership of 75, and a Charter has been granted for another Lodge, Fraternité, No. 2, which, we have every reason to believe, will soon be in successful operation. The greatest care is being exercised in the admission of new members, only such persons being admitted as are likely to prove good men and true."

Report by Rep. Rae, of Ontario..... 11,371
Considered and adopted..... 11,397

No. 12. Of the Grand Jurisdiction of the German Empire, the committee report that the Order "is in a prosperous and harmonious condition and is doing good work. A Lodge has again been planted in the free city of Hamburg, and there is no doubt that before the next session of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, Hamburg will have ten flourishing Lodges." They refer to the death of Bro. Bernhard Fleck, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, and mention that "the Brothers of Breslau have erected a magnificent Odd Fellows' Hall."

Report by Rep Newsalt, of Minnesota..... 11,403
Considered and adopted..... 11,403

No. 13. On the memorial and resolution of Rep Watson, of Florida, concerning the control and jurisdiction over certain Lodges in Cuba, the committee say "that the subject-matter thereof has been considered and reported upon by this committee, at this session," and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. Block, of Iowa, chairman..... 11,404
Considered and adopted 11,404

GRAND BODIES NOT REPRESENTED.

No. 1. The committee report "that all Grand Jurisdictions Subordinate to this Sovereign Grand Lodge are represented at this session, except the following, to wit: the Grand Lodges of Denmark and Switzerland."

Report by Rep. Reedy, of Delaware, chairman..... 11,337
Considered and adopted..... 11,348

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HIGH COMMISSION.

No. 1. The commission report twelve recommendations of the Military Council to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, stating that they "find nothing in said proposed legislation contrary to the laws of the Order."

Report by Rep. Orendorff, of Illinois..... 11,285
Considered and postponed..... 11,311
Considered again and adopted..... 11,407

JUDICIARY.

No. 1. On the question, "Can a suspended member of an Encampment wear the regalia of the Encampment branch in his Subordinate Lodge during suspension; if not, what steps are proper to take to prevent it?" the committee say "a suspended member of an Encampment *cannot* wear the Encampment regalia in his Lodge. The only way in which this can be prevented is for the Lodge to prefer charges against the offender for violating the law of the Order."

Report by Rep. Semmes, of Alabama..... 11,351
Considered and adopted..... 11,392

No. 2. On the request that certain action of the Grand Lodge of Oregon be legalized, the committee "report the same back, and ask its reference to the Committee on the State of the Order, there being no legal question submitted for the decision of this committee."

Report by Rep. Gibson, of Texas..... 11,352
Considered and adopted..... 11,392

No. 3. The committee approve decisions of the Grand Sire numbered 19 to 35, inclusive (pages 11,099–11,102); 39 to 45, inclusive (11,103, 11,104); 47 to 52, inclusive (11,104), and 54 to 68, inclusive (11,104–11,106, 11,127), and submit a resolution accordingly.

Report by Rep. Orendorff, of Illinois, chairman..... 11,368
Considered and adopted..... 11,396

LEGISLATION.

No. 1. On the resolution of Rep. Miller, of Illinois, "that all meetings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of Columbus, except when otherwise ordered by a two thirds vote of the Sovereign Grand Lodge," the committee report "that the manner of fixing the place of meeting of this Grand Body is defined by Article XII. of the Constitution; * * * that the change in the law proposed can only be made by an amendment to said article, duly presented as required by the terms of said Constitution," and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. Moore, of Arkansas..... 11,338
Considered and adopted..... 11,348

No. 2. On the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Nevada asking for the abolishment of Visiting Cards and the substitution therefor of an official receipt for dues, the committee say "believing that the present Visiting Card affords the very best practicable mode of identifying visiting Brothers, while it at the same time protects the Order from impostors, recommend that the proposed change be not made."

Report by Rep. Atkins, of Kentucky..... 11,338
Considered and adopted..... 11,348

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No. 3. On the report of the Grand Sire relating to "Qualifications for Membership," the committee say "that the Body has already voted upon an amendment to the Constitution on this subject and failed to adopt the same," and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

Report by Rep. Hedges, of Ohio, chairman..... 11,353
Considered and adopted..... 11,393

No. 4. On the resolution of Rep. Fallass, of Michigan, asking legislation making elective the office of Warden in Subordinate Lodges, the committee report "that they deem such legislation inexpedient and unwise."

Report by Rep. Hoge, of Utah..... 11,353
Considered and adopted..... 11,393

No. 5. On the resolution of Rep. Kuykendall, of Wyoming, asking for legislation providing that a Lodge shall not re-instate a member living out of its jurisdiction, and dropped for non-payment of dues, without a certificate from the Lodge, in whose jurisdiction the Brother resides, as to character, health and standing, etc., the committee report "that the proposed legislation is not, in their judgment, needed by the Order now, for its good, wherefore they recommend that it be not adopted."

Report by Rep. Miller, of Illinois..... 11,354
Considered and adopted..... 11,393

No. 6. On the resolution of Rep. Parker, of New Jersey, asking legislation "that any member of the Order who shall become an inmate of any home for aged and indigent Odd Fellows shall thereby relinquish all claims for weekly benefits from his Lodge or Encampment, during the time he shall be an inmate of such institution," the committee report "that such legislation would be unwise, and contrary to the teachings and precepts of Odd Fellowship."

Report by Rep. Graham, of Louisiana..... 11,354
Considered and adopted..... 11,393

No. 7. On the resolution of Rep. Kent, of New Mexico, "that no person shall be eligible to admission into any Subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, who sells, or makes his living by the sale of intoxicating liquors," etc., the committee say "that it attempts to change the qualifications for membership in the Order by *simple legislation*, while such change can only be made by an amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Body," and recommend "that the resolution be not adopted."

Report by Rep. Carleton, of Texas..... 11,354
Considered and adopted..... 11,393

No. 8. On the preamble and resolution of Rep. Holmes, of Iowa, relating to the preparation of a Ritual or Guide for Memorial Day, the committee say they "believe that it is inexpedient to adopt any such forms or Ritual, for the reason that they deem it wise to permit each Subordinate Grand Jurisdiction to arrange the Form of Memorial Ceremony for itself."

Report by Rep. Carleton, of Texas..... 11,355
Considered and adopted..... 11,393

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No. 9. On the proposition from Reps. Carlin, of Illinois; Parker, of New Jersey, and Campbell, of Ontario, affecting the regalia worn in Grand Bodies, the committee submit a resolution that Article XXII. of the By-Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge be amended by adding thereto "at sessions of Grand Bodies, in lieu of any regalia hereinbefore described, a ribbon may be worn of the color of the highest degree the member has attained, having attached thereto any jewel which he is entitled or required to wear."

Report by Rep. Campbell, of Ontario..... 11,355
Considered and adopted..... 11,393

No. 10. The committee recommend the adoption of the resolution of Rep. Grant, of Indiana, "that Section 141a, page 39, Digest, be amended so as to read as follows: 'The Noble Grand and Recording Secretary of a Lodge, and the Chief Patriarch and Scribe of an Encampment may issue Visiting Cards to members in good standing, when application is made to them in writing.'"

Report by Rep. Ellingham, of West Virginia..... 11,371
Considered, and the law in Section 141a, page 39, Digest, amended to read: "The Noble Grand and Secretary of a Subordinate Lodge, the Chief Patriarch and Scribe of a Subordinate Encampment, and the Noble Grand and Secretary of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, during the recess of their respective Bodies, may issue Visiting Cards to members in good standing, when application is made to them in writing," and, as amended, adopted..... 11,397

No. 11. On the resolution of Rep. Cooper, of Indiana, asking legislation requiring balloting for the degrees in the Subordinate Encampment to be in the Royal Purple Degree, the committee report that they "find no legislation on the subject," and submit a resolution "that balloting for the degrees in the Subordinate Encampment must always be in the Royal Purple Degree."

Report by Rep. Hedges, of Ohio, chairman..... 11,371
Considered and adopted..... 11,397

No. 12. On the report of the Grand Sire, relating to Subordinate Bodies setting apart a portion of their revenues as a special entertainment fund, the committee say "believing that to permit such fund to be created is not for the good of the Order, and would likely lead to extravagant expenditure of funds by such Bodies, recommend that no change be made looking to the creation of such fund," and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the question.

Report by Rep. Carleton, of Texas..... 11,372
Considered and adopted..... 11,398

No. 13. On the resolution of Rep. Kines, of Quebec, relating to the creation of a Juvenile Order of Odd Fellows, the committee report "that, in their judgment, such Juvenile Order would not be to the interest of the Order," and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. Carleton, of Texas..... 11,372
Considered and adopted..... 11,398

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No. 14. The committee recommend that "Article X. of By-Laws be amended by striking out the last two words thereof, to wit, 'Baltimore, Maryland,' and inserting in lieu thereof 'Columbus Ohio.'"
Report by Rep. Hedges, of Ohio, chairman 11,384
Considered and adopted 11,400

No. 15. On the report of the Grand Sire (page 11,123), relating to "Relief of State Grand Officers," the committee submit a resolution "that when a Grand Master or Grand Patriarch suspends a Subordinate Body of which he is a member, or withdraws its Charter, such suspension or withdrawal of Charter, shall not affect his rank or standing in the Order during the remainder of his term of office, and for a period of thirty days after the close of said term."
Report by Rep. Campbell, of Ontario 11,385
Considered and adopted 11,400

No. 16. The committee recommend the adoption of the resolution offered by Rep. Voegtle, of Louisiana, "that when a member of a Canton of Patriarchs Militant takes a Withdrawal Card from the Encampment of which he may be a member, his membership in his Canton shall not be affected thereby for six months from the date of his said Withdrawal Card. He shall be considered in good standing in his Canton if he deposits his Withdrawal Card in an Encampment, and becomes a member thereof at any time within six months from the date of his said Withdrawal Card."
Report by Rep. Graham, of Louisiana 11,386
Considered and adopted 11,400

No. 17. On the resolution of Rep Makemson, of Texas, the committee submit the following: "That the date of the death of Past Grand Sire Wildey, as fixed by resolution authorizing Memorial Service Day, be and the same is hereby corrected, and that the 19th day of October be observed by the Order as the day upon which such Memorial Services may be held."
Report by Rep. Atkins, of Kentucky 11,386
Considered and adopted 11,401

No. 18 The committee recommend the adoption of the resolution of Rep. Morris, that at the burial of a deceased Brother the ode composed by Bro. Charles Wolford, P. G. Rep., may be sung while the grave is being filled.
Report by Rep Miller, of Illinois 11,389
Considered and adopted 11,401

No. 19. On the report of the Grand Sire relating to Grand Lodge representation, the committee say "that there is a gross inequality of representation, is patent to every one," etc. The committee show how the situation could be remedied, and submit a resolution "that a committee of five be appointed to consider this whole matter, with instructions to formulate an amendment to the Constitution."
Report by Rep. Hedges, of Ohio, chairman 11,407
Considered and adopted 11,407

No. 20. The committee recommend the adoption of the resolution of Rep. Parker, of New Jersey, "that a Special Committee of three be appointed by the Grand Sire to pre-

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pare and report, either at this or the next session of this Grand Body, a proper Form of Public Installation of Subordinate Encampment officers."

Report by Rep. Moore, of Arkansas 11,408
Considered and adopted 11,408

No. 21. On the resolution of Rep. Taber, of Massachusetts, "that where two or more Lodges are located in the same city or town, it shall not be lawful for either of said Lodges to receive the application of a person rejected for other than constitutional reasons, by either of said Lodges, within the space of six months, without the consent of the Lodge in which said applicant was rejected," etc., the committee "deem legislation on the subject unnecessary," and "recommend that said resolution be not adopted."

Report by Rep. Hoge, of Utah 11,408
Considered and adopted 11,408

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

No. 1. The committee submit a tabular statement showing the names of officers and Representatives, place of nativity, profession, post-office, State, miles traveled, daily attendance, mileage, per diem, and a resolution "that the mileage and per diem in the accompanying table, accredited to each officer and Representitive, are hereby ordered to be paid."

Report by Rep. Voegtle, of Louisiana, chairman 11,323
Considered and adopted 11,343

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

No. 1. The committee recommend the following: "*Resolved*, That the action of the Grand Sire in the matter of issuing certificates for Past Official, Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment Degrees and appointments of District Deputy Grand Sires for the year 1888, be and hereby is approved."

Report by Rep. Tuttle, of Colorado 11,376
Considered and adopted 11,399

No. 2. The committee recommend that the action of the Grand Sire in transferring Veritas Lodge, No. 2, of Sweden, to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Denmark, be approved.

Report by Rep. Tuttle, of Colorado 11,376
Considered and adopted 11,399

No. 3. On the papers in the case of J. P. Wilson, from the Grand Lodge of Illinois, the committee report "that this is a direct appeal, and does not come under the supervision of this committee, and therefore ask that the papers go to the Committee on Appeals."

Report by Rep. McMurphey, of Montana 11,376
Considered and adopted 11,399

No. 4. On the report of the Grand Sire relating to "Defunct Grand Bodies," the committee submit a resolution "that the action of the Grand Sire in reclaiming the Charter of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, be and the same is hereby approved."

Report by Rep. McMurphey, of Montana 11,411
Considered and adopted 11,411

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No. 5. On the Grand Secretary's report relating to Odd Fellows' Beneficial Associations, etc., the committee say "referring to Odd Fellows' Beneficial Associations, we fully concur with the Grand Secretary, that unless these Associations can be compelled by our laws, to make annual reports to him, that the law requiring blanks to be furnished by him for this purpose should be repealed, and we would therefore recommend that such action be had." They also recommend that the valuable journals added to the library, so far as practicable, be bound, etc.

Report by Rep. McMurphey, of Montana..... 11,411
Considered and adopted..... 11,411

No. 6. On the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary relating to Duplicate Charters issued, the committee report that they "believe no action to be needed thereon at this session, as the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary were only obeying the mandate of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its last session, in issuing said Charters." They recommend "that the action of the Grand Sire in issuing Anniversary Proclamation and in Official Visitations be approved," and suggest "that the reference to this or any other committee of the matters referred to above, and other matters of routine, of like character, gives committees useless work and unnecessarily cumbers the Journal."

Report by Rep. Tuttle, of Colorado..... 11,416
Considered and adopted..... 11,416

No. 7. On the resolution of Rep. Wilson, of Vermont, "constituting Bro. A. J. Hough, of Vermont, Poet Laureate of Odd Fellowship," the committee report "it inexpedient to appoint a Poet Laureate at this time."

Report by Rep. Slack, of Pennsylvania, chairman..... 11,417
Considered and adopted..... 11,417

No. 8. On the petition of Charles I. Rice, of Worcester, Mass., "for leave to publish and sell certain music and accompanying words, to be used in Lodges in conferring the degrees," the committee "consider all such publications as a source of revenue to this Grand Lodge, and should be published only at the instance of this Grand Lodge." A resolution is submitted "that we deem it inexpedient to grant any such petition."

Report by Rep. McMurphey, of Montana..... 11,417
Considered and adopted..... 11,417

PATRIARCHAL BRANCH OF THE ORDER.

No. 1. The committee report decisions of the Grand Sire, Nos. 15 and 16 (page 11,095), correct, and submit a resolution approving the same.

Report by Rep. Dufour, of the District of Columbia, chairman.... 11,405
Considered and adopted..... 11,405

No. 2. On decision of the Grand Sire, No. 17 (pages 11,095–6), the committee report that they are "constrained to dissent from Decision 17, which claims that a newly-mustered Canton shall be assigned to a Regimental Battalion by the Colonel Commandant," and quote the law, page 10,647, Journal of 1886, which, they say, "clearly shows that such assignment of a newly-mustered Canton shall be made by the Commanders of Departments."

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Report by Rep. Dufour, of the District of Columbia, chairman... 11,405
Considered and adopted 11,405
No. 3. On the decision of the Grand Sire, No. 18 (pages 11,096–11,099) in reference to the appointment of Corps Commanders, the committee say that they "are, however, of the opinion that authority to appoint a Brigadier-General to the position of Corps Commander lies with the Lieutenant-General, under the law, notwithstanding there may be a Major-General within the Department."
Report by Rep. Dufour, of the District of Columbia, chairman... 11,405
Considered and adopted..... 11,405
No. 4. On that part of decision of the Grand Sire, No. 18 (pages 11,096–11,099), relating to "the assignment by the Lieutenant-General of General Whipple, an officer of his personal staff, to the command of a Brigade, instead of assigning a Colonel to the position," the committee regard the act as one of a military necessity, and say "as the apparent breach in the law, if one actually did occur, has been fully repaired, and the proper officer elected to the position, we recommend that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed."
Report by Rep. Dufour, of the District of Columbia, chairman... 11,406
Considered and adopted..... 11,406
No. 5. On the report of the Lieutenant-General. The committee recommend the approval of the action of the Military Council embraced in paragraphs I. to XII., inclusive, (pages 11,285, 11,286,) as found in the Lieutenant-General's report; "the direct recommendations by the Commander" are approved; the "proposition" of the Commander, they amended so that the Sovereign Grand Lodge remains unpledged "to the payment of any money directly from the treasury, except for such postage as may be legitimately incurred in carrying out the proposition," and recommend its approval; the two decisions of the Commander they approved, and recommended the adoption of the report as amended.
Report by Rep Dufour, of the District of Columbia, chairman.... 11,406
Considered and adopted..... 11,406
No. 6. The committee submit a resolution for the adoption of the one offered by Rep. Merriman, of Massachusetts, "that the several Subordinate Grand Encampment jurisdictions be charged, through their elected officers, with the duty of collecting all Rituals issued to such Uniformed Degree Camps as may have been instituted, or remaining in the hands of the Grand Scribe of such jurisdictions, and the same shall be destroyed in the presence of the elected Grand Officers, by burning," etc.
Report by Rep. Holmes, of Iowa..... 11,408
Considered and adopted 11,408
No. 7. On the resolution of Rep. Carleton, of Texas, relating to the mergement of the two branches of the Order, the committee report "that the proposition for mergement has, in different forms, been repeatedly before this Grand Body since the year 1852, and as often rejected." The committee quote from the reports of the legislation of 1863 (Journal, pages 3561, 3562), and say "in view of the foregoing statement, and of the continually increas-

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ing interest and vested rights involved in the problem, your committee are of the opinion, that unless revolutionary measures should be resorted to, any plan for mergement of the Encampment and Subordinate branches of the Order would, at this time, be impracticable." A resolution is submitted "that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed."

Report by Rep. Hirst, of Delaware..... 11,409
Considered and adopted..... 11,409

PETITIONS.

No. 1. Confirming the Charter issued during the recess to the Grand Encampment of Idaho.
Report by Rep. Hedrick, of Nebraska, chairman..... 11,242
Considered and adopted..... 11,242

No. 2. Confirming the Charter issued during the recess to the Grand Encampment of Utah.
Report by Rep. Hedrick, of Nebraska, chairman..... 11,243
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Report by Rep. Hill, of New Hampshire 11,333
Considered and adopted 11,346
No. 15. On the petition of Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 6, Indian Territory, asking permission to meet once in every two weeks. The committee recommend that the request "be granted in accordance with the laws as provided in Sections 1,219, 1,220, White's Digest."
Report by Rep. Bucher, of Virginia 11,333
Considered and adopted 11,347
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Report by Rep. Bucher, of Virginia 11,334
Considered and adopted 11,347
No. 17. On the petition of six persons for a Warrant to establish a Subordinate Lodge at Valdivia, Chile. The committee report "that we find, from a careful examination of the papers before us, that the proceedings are wholly informal," etc., and submit a resolution "that the Grand Secretary be requested to at once communicate with C. J. Holm, D. D. Grand Sire of Chile, and require of him that said Lodge shall not be instituted until the Withdrawal Cards of the petitioners be secured and forwarded to the Grand Secretary."
Report by Rep. Merriman, of Massachusetts 11,334
Considered and adopted 11,347
No. 18. On the petition of Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, Indian Territory, for permission to remove from McAlester to Krebs. The committee recommend "that Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, Indian Territory, be permitted to remove from the town of McAlester to the town of Krebs, in the same Territory."
Report by Rep. Merriman, of Massachusetts 11,334
Considered and adopted 11,347
No. 19. On the petition for Amicitia Lodge, No. 3, Malmo, Sweden. The committee report "the petition is accompanied with five Withdrawal Cards, among them being one issued to 'Christ. Alfred Olsson, Rec. Sec.,' but it is signed in the margin 'Alfred Olsson,'" etc, and recommend the adoption of the following: "*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Special Deputy Grand Sire who instituted the Lodge prayed for, August 1st, 1888, and which is hailed and called Ami-

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citia Lodge, No. 3, in the Kingdom of Sweden, with a view of ascertaining whether said Olsson with the several aliases is one and the same person, and if found to be the same, that the Withdrawal Card, petition and return of the Special Deputy Grand Sire be corrected so that they may correspond in this particular regard."

Report by Rep Merriman, of Massachusetts..... 11,367
Considered and adopted..... 11,396

No. 20. On the petition of W. R. Spooner "that copies of the Daily Journal be sold to subscribers" The committee "believe it inexpedient to print and sell extra copies of the Daily Journal, at the present time," and submit the following: "That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the petition."

Report by Rep. Hedrick, of Nebraska, chairman..... 11,372
Considered and adopted..... 11,398

No. 21. On the petition for Cuauhtemotzin Lodge, No. 3, to be located at Zacatecas, Mexico. The committee recommend that the petition be granted, "and that the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary be and are hereby authorized to forward a Charter for the same."

Report by Rep. Hedrick, of Nebraska, chairman..... 11,404
Considered and adopted..... 11,404

PRINTING SUPPLIES.

No. 1. The committee report the organization, number of meetings held, contracts for index to, and printing and binding 1,000 copies of Volume XII., Journal; Burial Service for a Daughter of Rebekah, new edition of the Book of Forms and Officers' Reports, Daily and Revised Journals, session of 1888; also a statement of supplies furnished to the Grand Secretary and the amount of money expended, etc. Resolutions were submitted as follows:

"That the Committee on Printing Supplies be authorized to contract for an edition of 250 copies each of Vols. I., II, III, IV., V., VII. of the bound Journals.

"That the Committee on Printing Supplies be authorized to employ, at a price to be determined by them, a competent member of the Order to prepare a complete Digest of the existing laws of the Order, to and including the session of 1888, and that when compiled, the work shall be printed and bound, electrotype plates made, and as many copies be issued as the committee may deem necessary."

Report by Rep. Jones, of Maryland, chairman..... 11,247
Considered and adopted..... 11,310

No. 2. The committee submit the following resolution: "That an engraving of Bro. John H. White, Past Grand Sire, be procured, and the proceedings of the years 1887 and 1888, with suitable index, be printed and bound as Vol. XIII., with the said engraving inserted, and that 1,000 copies be obtained."

Report by Rep. Jones, of Maryland, chairman..... 11,418
Considered and adopted..... 11,418

RETURNS.

No. 1. On the returns of fifty-two Grand Lodges. The committee report them correct.

Report by Rep. Codding, of Kansas, chairman..... 11,319
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No. 2. On the returns of twenty-two Grand Lodges, concerning Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah; also report of Independence Degree Lodge, No. 2, Daughters of Rebekah, Indian Territory, under the Sovereign Grand Lodge. The committee report them correct.
Report by Rep. Merrill, of Maine..... 11,319
Considered and adopted..... 11,345

No. 3. With the exception of errors in Nos. 1 and 2, Arizona; No. 2, Indian Territory; No. 2, New Mexico; Nos. 12 and 13, Lower Provinces; No 1, Sandwich Islands, the committee find the reports of sundry Subordinate Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, correct.
Report by Rep. Coe, of Connecticut..... 11,335
Considered and adopted..... 11,347

No. 4. On the returns of forty-two Grand Encampments. The committee report them correct.
Report by Rep. Smith, of Dakota..... 11,352
Considered and adopted..... 11,393

No. 5. With the exception of errors in Nos. 4, 6, and 9, New Mexico; No 1, Alberta; No. 1, France; No. 2, Cuba; Nos. 3 and 5, Indian Territory; Nos. 1 and 2, Netherlands; No. 2, Sweden, the committee find the reports of Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, correct.
Report by Rep. Grant, of Kentucky..... 11,352
Considered and adopted..... 11,393

No. 6. The reports of Encampments Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, Denmark, under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the committee find correct.
Report by Rep. Smith, of New Jersey..... 11,375
Considered and adopted..... 11,399

No. 7. The committee find the annual report of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, correct.
Report by Rep. Smith, of New Jersey..... 11,375
Considered and adopted..... 11,399

No. 8. The committee find the annual report of the Grand Encampment of Alabama correct, except there is no report as to number of Encampments, number of Patriarchs relieved, number of widowed families relieved, or Patriarchs buried.
Report by Rep. Smith, of New Jersey..... 11,375
Considered and adopted..... 11,399

No. 9. On the returns of twenty Grand Lodges, concerning Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah. The committee report them correct.
Report by Rep. Milice, of Indiana..... 11,412
Considered and adopted..... 11,412

STATE OF THE ORDER.

No. 1. On the resolution of Rep. Gibson, of Texas, relative to printing the Ritual in the Italian language, the committee report "that it would be inexpedient at this time to grant the request," and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.
Report by Rep. Jones, of Maryland..... 11,368
Considered and adopted..... 11,396

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No. 2. On the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of Dakota concerning the sufficiency of proof of qualification to sit in said Grand Lodge, etc., the committee say "that it is not properly before this Grand Body for consideration," as no appeal has been taken from the action of the Grand Lodge of Dakota, nor has a question been submitted by the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction, etc., and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. Clark, of Wisconsin..... 11,373
Considered and adopted..... 11,398

No. 3. On petitions, etc., for the adoption of a plan of Insurance or Endowment, the committee say "that so important a measure should not be too hastily drawn, as would necessarily be the case should the committee attempt to formulate a plan at this session, but, on the contrary, should be maturely considered during the recess." They refer to the report of the Special Committee on Insurance Associations, recommending the appointment of a new committee on the subject, and submit a resolution "that the Committee on the State of the Order do indorse the recommendation to appoint said committee, and recommend the reference of all matter pertaining to the 'Insurance Feature' presented at this session to them, and most respectfully suggest that parties having plans, or other information relating to insurance, submit the same to that committee for their consideration during the recess."

Report by Rep. Robbe, of Georgia..... 11,373
Considered and adopted..... 11,398
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No. 4. The committee recommend that the Grand Sire's decisions, Nos. 36, 37, 38 and 53, as found on pages 11,102 and 11,104, be approved.

Report by Rep. Iszard, of New Jersey..... 11,374
Considered and adopted..... 11,399

No. 5. On the Grand Sire's report relating to the "Condition of the Order," "Degrees and Ceremonies;" also the condition of the Order in the United States and Canada, in the Grand Secretary's report, the committee, after stating that the Order is to be congratulated on its increase in membership, wealth, power and influence, say that "this renewed and increased prosperity in our Order is due, in a great measure, to the unceasing labors, acknowledged executive ability, and the strong, warm, heartfelt devotion to our grand Order, of the officers of this Grand Body." They approve the Grand Sire's conclusions as to "Degrees and Ceremonies."

Report by Rep. Kelsey, of Kansas..... 11,374
Considered and adopted..... 11,399

No. 6. On the resolution of Rep. Makemson, of Texas, relative to revising the Funeral Ceremony prescribed for Subordinate Lodges, the committee say that "the established form has been elaborated and enriched, from time to time, by the addition of supplemental forms," etc, and that "it seems to be intended that these several forms may be used in connection with or interchangeably for each

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other. * * * Sufficient variety and all the elements necessary to suitable selection is thus afforded, and a general revision of the Ceremony is not deemed necessary at this time." A resolution is submitted "that either one of the authorized forms of Funeral Ceremony prescribed for use of Subordinate Lodges, or instead thereof, such selections from one or more, as may be deemed suitable to the occasion, may be used by Subordinate Lodges at their discretion."

Report by Rep. Cobb, of Colorado..... 11,385
Considered and adopted..... 11,400

No. 7. On the resolution of Rep. Coleman, of Arkansas, relating to the status of members more than thirteen weeks in arrears, the committee report "that all the provisions of said resolution are sufficiently covered by the law as found in Sections 733, 734, 735, 739, 994 and 1409 of White's Digest," and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. Clark, of Wisconsin..... 11,410
Considered and adopted..... 11,410

No. 8. On the petition of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, asking that its action in conferring the Grand Lodge and Past Official Degrees on three members not entitled thereto, not having served the requisite number of nights to entitle them to the honors, be legalized. The committee say "not finding anything in connection with the action of the Subordinate Lodge, or the Grand Lodge, that indicates an intention to do wrong, and while not intending to indorse the illegality of the procedure, or to establish a precedent, recommend that the conferring of said Grand Lodge and Past Official Degrees be and is, hereby legalized by the Sovereign Grand Lodge."

Report by Rep. Robbe, of Georgia..... 11,410
Considered and adopted..... 11,410

No. 9. On the resolution of Rep. Hedges, of Ohio, "that members of the Order in good standing, and who, for twenty-five years or more, have been such, shall be entitled to wear a jewel to be designated 'The Veteran Jewel, I. O. O. F.,' the committee recommend its adoption," and submit an additional resolution "that the Committee on Printing Supplies, together with the Grand Sire, are authorized and directed to prepare a suitable design for such jewel, and whenever, in their judgment, it shall be expedient, to procure and furnish the same to such persons as are entitled thereto, and at such price as they shall fix, and the proceeds of such sales shall be paid to the Grand Treasurer in the same manner as the sales of other supplies."

Report by Rep. Robbins, of Rhode Island..... 11,410
Considered and adopted..... 11,410

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No. 1. The committee report sundry matters at sessions of 1885, 1886 and 1887, as not disposed of; also, the amendments to the Constitution proposed at last session.

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18. Charges may be preferred to a Subordinate Lodge against a member for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, whether the offense was committed in a Rebekah Lodge, an Encampment or elsewhere. The secret records and workings of an Encampment or Rebekah Lodge cannot be introduced in evidence or exposed in any other place or before any other tribunal, except in such Encampment or Rebekah Lodge or Trial Committee thereof.....11,103, 11,368, 11,396
19. A member tried and expelled from a Rebekah Lodge, or an Encampment, for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, the record, in case of conviction therein, stating in general terms the nature of the charges, without disclosing any of the secret records, etc., properly certified by the officers, under seal, may be introduced in evidence before the Subordinate Lodge or Committee of Trial.....11,103, 11,368, 11,396
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28. A Noble Grand should declare a motion to elect a member to receive degrees in violation of the Constitution, out of order. Should the motion prevail, it is his duty to declare the same void, and if the Lodge reverses his decision, an appeal should then be taken to the D. D. Grand Master, or Grand Master, as provided by the local law.....11,104, 11,368, 11,396
29. A Lodge can take an appeal from the decision of the Noble Grand, upon the meaning of a part of its Constitution; the question must be put by the Noble Grand, and if his decision is reversed, an appeal can be had, as provided by the local law. As a rule, a Lodge has jurisdiction to decide any question which can properly come before it. but a Subordinate has no right to decide any question in reference to the Work of the Order, Written or Unwritten.....11,104, 11,368, 11,396
30. A Lodge under the Sovereign Grand Lodge, must require an application and its reference, on the re-instatement of members. (Section 5, Article II., Constitution for Subordinates.) A committee on an application must report in accordance with Section 2, Article II., of the Constitution for Subordinates 11,105, 11,368, 11,396
31. There is no law requiring Lodges to be opened or closed with prayer, but the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1882 adopted forms of prayer to be used in opening and closing, but left the use of them optional with Subordinate Grand Lodges, and if a Grand Lodge adopts them, the Subordinates under its jurisdiction must use these prayers, if they use any..11,105, 11,368, 11,396
32. A Constitution providing that "all members in arrears for six months shall be suspended from benefits for three months after paying the same, and will not be entitled to receive the Pass Word or vote in the Lodge," the Brother is entitled to the Pass Word and to vote as soon as he pays his dues. The three months applies only to benefits.....11,105, 11,368, 11,396
33. In the absence of local legislation, it is unlawful for a Lodge or Encampment to initiate a person whose residence is nearer another Lodge or Encampment, without consent of the nearest Subordinate..... .....11,105, 11,368, 11,396

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34. District Deputy Grand Masters are not entitled to the Rituals; the forms used by them can be found in the Institution and Installation Books, and Book of Forms.....11,106, 11,368, 11,396
35. It is in the discretion of a Lodge to remit a fine, or excuse a Brother for any reason it may deem sufficient, by the vote required by its By-Laws, for failing to attend in person, or by substitute, a sick Brother.....11,106, 11,368, 11,396
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38. A Constitution providing in case the Lodge has no properly-qualified Past Grand it may elect one from another Lodge to represent it in the Grand Lodge, it cannot, while having such a Past Grand, elect one from another Lodge.....11,251, 11,311
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47. A Subordinate under the Sovereign Grand Lodge jurisdiction, cannot be instituted until the Withdrawal Cards of the petitioners are obtained and forwarded to the Grand Secretary.. 11,334, 11,347
48. A suspended member of an Encampment who wears the Encampment regalia in his Lodge, is subject to charges..11,351, 11,392
49. All laws requiring elective officers in Subordinate Lodges to have obtained the Degree of Rebekah, are repealed...11,363, 11,395
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